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DEBATE ON YALTA DECISIONS

LONDON, Feb. 20: Mr. Eden stated in the Commons today that Government proposed to allocate Tuesday and Wednesday of next week to debate on the Crimean Conference. He would make later a statement about the form the debate would take.

When Mr. Churchill opens a two-day debate on the Crimea Conference in the Commons on Tuesday next week he is expected to speak for about two hours. It seems likely that he will follow the recent practice of breaking it for luncheon. Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, will in all probability wind up the debate on the second day.

Mr. Churchill to-day allowed himself an hour's holiday. He spent it in the smoking room of the Commons which he rarely has time to visit, answering welcomes and questions of members ranging from cabinet Ministers to humble backbenchers. With a cigar in his mouth he moved from group to group like a benign host. The Prime Minister appeared unaffected by his recent arduous experiences and was in a playful mood when answering questions.

COMMONS GREET CHURCHILL

Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, was loudly cheered when he entered the House of Commons during question time today. He had been preceeded by the Foreign Secretary Mr. Anthony Eden.

Mr. Churchill said that affairs abroad were "rather smoother" when replying to a question by Mr. Kirkwood (Labour) about Social Services. Mr. Churchill told Mr. Kirkwood that in the present state of public business, he could hold out no hope of special time being found for discussion of Mr. Kirkwood's motion on Social Services.

Mr. Kirkwood: What does he means by the present situation? Is he referring to the situation at home or abroad?

Mr. Churchill: Affairs abroad are rather smoother, but I believe that the business of the House is still as congested as ever.

SOVIET LIBERATE 1,400 BR. PRISONERS

The War Minister Sir James Grigg stated in the Commons to-day that an unconfirmed report had been received that 1,400 British prisoners of war had been liberated from camps in Poland.

ESTATE DUTY BILL AWAITS ROYAL ASSENT

In the House of Commons to-day the India (Estate Duty) Bill passed through the Committee without amendment and was read for the third time without discussion. The Bill has already passed through the House of Lords and now awaits Roal assent.

Governor-General To Veto Natal Ordinances

Legislation Held 'Ultra Vires' Of Powers Of Council

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, February 20.

The "Daily Telegraph" correspondent reports from Capetown that Natal Indian Ordinances will be vetoed by the Governor-General.

"It is understood that the Governor-General will veto all the four Ordinances recently passed by the Natal Provincial Council dealing with the Indian Housing, Water, Land and Residential questions," reports the correspondent.

"The Ordinances created a widespread discontent among the Indians in South Africa and in India. It is understood that the Ordinances will be banned on the ground that the Natal Provincial Council exceeded its powers," adds the correspondent.

SMUTS' DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTERS

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 20.

The South African Government will, it is understood, await the interim report of the Judicial Commission of Enquiry into all aspects of Indian life in Natal before taking Action to remedy the situation caused by the Natal Provinces Ordinances being found to be invalid. The Commission was appointed in 1943.

Meanwhile, the legal difficulties are to be subject of discussion's between the Premier General Smuts, the Minister of the Interior Mr. Clarkson, the Minister of Welfare Mr. Lawrence and the Natal Administrator Mr. B. E. Mitchell.

Mr. Lawrence will leave for Natal early next month for talks with Mr. Mitchell. It may be recalled that the two Indian members of the Judicial Commission, Mr. A. I. Kajee and Mr. S. R. Naidoo, resigned from the Commission, when the Ordinances passed third reading in the Natal Provincial Council. Should the ordinances be 'officially declared ultravires', one of the first reactions is believed to be that Mr. Kajee and Mr. Naidoo will resume their seats on the commission. It is known that Government are anxious that the Indian members should resume their seats on the commission, in order that the inquiry may proceed.

The Commission was appointed by Parliament to investigate and report on all aspects Indian life Natal.

New Legislation Prospects

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 19.

Mr. Rupert Ellis Brown, the Mayor of Durban, to-day announced that he had been informed by Field Marshal Smuts in an interview that legal difficulties had arisen in the promulgation of the Natal Povincial Legislation passed last year in an attempt to solve racial difficulties.

The South African Press Association has been informed that the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance, the Housing Ordinance, the Expropriation Ordinance and the Water Supply Ordinance in their present form have all been ruled "ultra vires" of the powers of the Natal Provincial Council.

INDIAN PROTEST.

After the passage of the ordinances through the Provincial Council last year, representatives of the Natal Indian Congress interviewed Field Marshal Smuts to protest against them, the main objection being against the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance which, they alleged was in conflict with the Pretoria Agreement between Field Marshal Smuts and the Natal Indian Congress in April 1944.

Under the Pretoria Agreement the Indians accepted occupational restrictions in Durban by the licensing of dwellings Later Field Marshal Smuts informed the Congress that the Governor-General's assent to the Provincial Ordinance was being withheld pending investigation of the legal position.

It is now understood that as a result of the inclusion of provisions regarding the acquisition of property, the Residential Property Ordinance has been ruled "ultra vires" of the powers of the Natal Provincial Council.

The Expropriation Ordinance is considered valid provided the expropriation powers are conferred by the Government on the Natal Administration before the ordinance is promulgated.

HOUSING ORDINANCE.

The Housing Ordinance and Water Supply Ordinance have been held to be unquestionably beyond the powers of the Provincial Council. If the provisions regarding the acquisition of property are deleted from the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance to make it valid, this ordinance would be approximately the same as the Occupation Control Ordinance originally introduced to implement the Pretoria Agreement. The Natal Congress at the time stated that this ordinance was acceptable.

This legal hitch makes it likely that an entirely new start will have to be made in the attempt to settle the Natal conflict. It is considered probable that the Government will this session have to deal with the matter by submitting new legislation to the Union Parliament.

The principal reason for the avoidance of delay is the fact that the "Pegging Act", which the Natal Provincial measures were intended to replace as a "broad comprehensive scheme" to solve the question, expires in March next year.—Reuter.

Churchill Meets Three Kings

Interviews Granted To Midnapur Detenus

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20: Restrictions imposed on interviews and communications of Midnapore security prisoners detained in connection with "Congress movement" have been withdrawn, stated the Parliamentary Secretary to the Chief Minister, in the Bengal Assembly replying to a question regarding amenities to detenus and periodicals reviews of their cases.—United Press.

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LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (JULY.)
New York, Feb. 20.

Previous Closing	21.73
To-day's Opening	21.76
Difference	+03
To-day's Closing	21.73
Difference	nil.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
New York, Feb. 20.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—
General Motors dol. 67-5/8.
Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 33.
U. S. Steel Common dol. 63-1/4.
Preference unquoted.—Reuter.

Lunches With Ibn Saud And Has Talks With Rulers Of Egypt & Ethiopia

LONDON, Feb. 20: Mr. Churchill after his visit to Athens went to Alexandria to take leave of President Roosevelt. Mr. Churchill then proceeded to Cairo, where on February 16 he conferred with the Emperor of Ethiopia. On February 17, Mr. Churchill had a discussion with the King of Saudi Arabia, and entertained him to luncheon. The same day he met the King of Egypt for more than an hour. Mr. Churchill then saw the President of the Syrian Republic. Mr. Eden took part in all the meetings.

LLOYD GEORGE'S CONDITION CAUSES ANXIETY

LONDON, Feb. 20: Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor is suffering from increasing physical weakness and it is stated that his condition is causing anxiety.

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Memorandum To Indian Delegation

LONDON, Feb. 20: Although they have not yet had the opportunity of stating their case, the Indian delegates to the Commonwealth Relations Conference, now in progress here, have been energetically studying the question of the Indian community in South Africa.

A large number of pamphlets have been circulated among the delegates setting out the situation, and it is emphasised that the Indians consider the recent development in South Africa in just as important a light as their constitutional problems in India.

The South African Indian Congress has submitted a lengthy memorandum to the Indian Delegation attending the Conference and copies have been made available to all interested. The Conference have up to the present time been dealing with general questions on post-war security, and in view of the limited time available for a discussion of the relations between the countries of the British Empire, it is considered unlikely that there will be much time for a full-dress debate on the South-African situation.

Timo Is 50 Now

LONDON Feb. 19: Moscow radio reports that Marshal Timoshenko is 50 today.—Reuter.

Trading Blood For Time

Fierce Nazi Counter-Attacks On Red Army's Front Inside Germany

MOSCOW, Feb. 20: From Reuter's Special Correspondent: Fresh German reserves were to-day flung into action to join in the heavy slogging battles raging on the Red Army's front inside Germany and on the roads leading towards Berlin from the south-east. The outcome of these battles may affect the course of the fighting for some time to come.

With fresh Soviet reinforcements moving up in their turn the scope of the battle on key sectors, where every foot of ground is being fiercely contested, is tending to widen rather than of Diminish.

Some of the fiercest fighting is today raging in the streets or in the outskirts of surrounded towns where German Soviet street-fighters have gone into action against German suicide groups, who have been left to face encirclement with orders to trade blood for time.

On the northern front, Marshal Rokossovsky is driving on along the western bank of the Vistula with increasing momentum after reaching a point just over 40 miles south of Danzig.

IN EAST PRUSSIA.

In East Prussia the Russians have embarked on their favourite forest warfare in the region south of Koenigsberg where they are rooting the Germans out of well-sited positions commanding clearings and roads.

The Germans still have big supply dumps, but the Red Army is making steady progress in clearing the areas with tanks and mobile guns, taking over the role of "beaters" to drive the enemy from their cover while tommygunners close in for the final clashes.

The persistence and ferocity of the German attacks on the Danube front east of Komarno supports the theory that with Marshal Zhukov poised for the final assault on Berlin and the whole of eastern Germany menaced, Hitler is realigning the Axis of his war machine towards the south.

WHERE HITLER WILL MAKE LAST STAND

Observers think that ultimately the core of the German resistance will be centred around Munich rather than Berlin and Hitler is already looking towards his Bavarian mountain eyrie as the palace in which his S.S. Bodyguards will make the final stand. This might explain the fury with which the Germans defended their south-eastern approaches and the determination with which they are now striving to hurl back the Red Army from its positions on the road to Bratislava and Vienna.

SOVIET SPEARHEAD AT BRESLAU

The two besieged German cities—Breslau and Koenigsberg—are now sharply threatened as a result of Soviet gains over the past 24 hours. At Breslau the Russians have driven a spearhead force into the south-eastern outskirts after the capture of Brokau, which is only a brief tramride from the centre of the city. At Koenigsberg battle is raging for the garrison's main food, fuel and ammunition dumps in the forest just south of the city.

NAZI FORTIFICATIONS ON TEST

The German fortification warfare is now being put to its supreme test, the key role in this type of defence being played by fortress cities, of which Breslau is now the best example, and Koenigsberg, Glogau and Arnswald among other hedgehogs up and down the front. These garrisons are well supplied and equipped and are seemingly composed of troops willing to sacrifice themselves to give the German commanders more time.

At Koenigsberg does the garrison seem to have had enough of this kind of warfare. While the Russians try to break in from the east, north and south, the Germans inside are trying to break out to the west. The Red Army's counter to this whole plan of delaying and splitting up the Soviet advance is developing swiftly and smoothly. Marshal Stalin was one of the first to foresee how bitter the struggle would be on German territory and preparations had been made accordingly.

While front commanders have orders to push on and bypass strong-points wherever expedient, provision has been made for masses of artillery to subdue these islands of resistance—and the process, although sometimes slow, is sure.

REDS GAIN GROUND

BERLIN, Feb. 20: Today's German communique reported that the Red Army gained ground in heavy fighting between Lauban, Sorau and Guben (this is the area where, according to the German News Agency last night the Germans staged a counter-attack). The Russians are attacking in Southern Pomerania and are "pressing northwards of Tuchel Heath and west of the Vistula" said the Communique. Heavy fighting also flared up west of Koenigsberg in East Prussia.

IN SILESIA

According to the German News Agency military correspondent Col. Von Hammer strong German forces have gone over to counter-attack at Bielsko and Schwarz-Wasser in the southern part of Upper Silesia.

NAZIS HANG ANTI-NAZI IN PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMP?

Grigg Replies To Question In Commons

LONDON, Feb. 20: Clashes between Nazis and anti-Nazis in prisoner-of-war camps in Britain with organised assaults, trials and secret hangings of anti-Nazis by Nazis were referred to at question time in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir James Grigg, War Minister, replying to points raised said that there had been one clash between Nazis and other German prisoners in the camp at Canning Town. Some of the latter were treated by the camp doctor but one died. At another camp, one case of violence resulted in the death of a prisoner. At four other camps, there were isolated incidents of assault by Nazis on non-Nazis. Detected culprits were dealt with under regulations. The segregation of ardent Nazis from the rest was proceeding but had been hampered by shortage of accommodation. The case of one prisoner who had murdered another was being investigated.—Reuter.

LONDON, Feb. 20: R. A. F. bombers and fighters attacked six towns as well as airfields for the loss of only two bombers during the past 24 hours, said an Air Ministry communique today. Bombers last night attacked a synthetic oil plant at Bohlen near Leipzig, the communications and industrial centre of Erfurt; objectives in Hanover, Bremen and Brunswick. Yesterday afternoon fighters attacked communications at Wesel.

STOP PRESS

THREE BAN ORDERS

LUCKNOW, Feb. 20: Observing that the feelings between Shiyas and Sunnis are very strained and there is reason to apprehend an imminent danger of breaches of public peace, the District Magistrate of Lucknow, today promulgated three orders under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. on the occasion of Barawafat.

BIHAR GOVT.'S ACTION

PATNA, Feb. 20: The Government of Bihar have ordered the District Board of Saran and the Local Boards in that district to be superseded for a further period of three months.—A. P.

LID OFF LULL IN WAR OPERATIONS IN ITALY

Labourite Heckles War Minister And Holds Forth Threat Of Demand For Secret Session

LONDON, February 20.

The War Minister Sir James Grigg replying to Mr. Richard Stokes (Labour) who asked for an assurance that certain shortages on the Italian front were being remedied, told the House of Commons today that there might have been occasions when individual units or formations had temporarily fallen below the authorised scale in particular items.

RESTRICTION ON MUNITION EXPENDITURE

It had been quite usual in quiet periods in this war as in the last to restrict expenditure of ammunition. He assured the House that the recent operations in Italy and other theatres had not been hindered by such shortages and so far as could be seen no operation which might be called for in future would be endangered by shortages of equipment.

Mr. Stokes said he was dissatisfied with the answer and would raise the issue again and if necessary ask the House to go into a secret session on it.

Fifth Army Improves Its Positions

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN, HQ., Feb. 20: Today's Allied Communique said: "FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP: In the mountainous country to the west of the Pistoia-Bologna highway, American troops of the Fifth Army have improved their positions. Elsewhere on the Fifth and the Eighth Army fronts patrols have been active. Heavy bombers of the Fifteenth U. S. Strategic Air Force yesterday bombed communications targets in the Vienna area. Fighter escorts attacked rollingstock between Vienna and Linz, causing damage. Fighters and fighter-bombers of the Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Force attacked supply dumps and communications in the Brenner area and in North-east Italy and Yugoslavia. Three enemy aircraft were destroyed on ground. Fourteen of our aircraft are missing."

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PEACE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20: The former United States Secretary of State Mr. Cordel Hull, is expected to be elected Chairman of San Francisco International Security Conference.—Reuter.

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"BOMBAY CHRONICLE" AND "HINDUSTHAN STANDARD" 'PERSONA NON GRATA'

Representatives Refused Gate-Pass To Punjab Civil Secretariat

LAHORE, Feb. 20: During the question hour in the Punjab Assembly the Government stated that Congress detenus were not allowed to purchase writing materials at their own cost and representations in this regard had been rejected.

Replying to another question, the Premier stated that Master Kabul Singh M.L.A., had been suffering from pain in limbs, giddiness and insomnia. He had been treated for these ailments with some success but complaints of insomnia and pains in the heels continued. The information was based on latest reports available with the Government and further information had been called for.

In reply to another question, the Premier stated that Gaya Prasad, a convict in the second Lahore Conspiracy Case, has been confined in a sanatorium in the United Provinces under orders of the U. P. Government. Gaya Prasad is suffering from Tuberculosis and has undergone about 16 years' imprisonment. The Government did not think it advisable to release him.

Another question elicited the information that Baba Gormukh Singh sentenced to transportation for life in the Komagatamaru Case was still confined in a jail in the Punjab, though he had undergone 17 years' imprisonment, including remission. His age at present is 58 and weight 136 pounds.

It was stated in reply to a question that the application for permanent gate-pass to enter the Civil Secretariat compound on professional duties made by the representatives of the "Bombay Chronicle" and the "Hindusthan Standard" was rejected by the Government.—United Press.

BIHAR GOVT'S REPLY TO MAHATMA

PATNA, Feb. 20.

The Government of Bihar have issued the following Press Communique:

"In the statement issued by Mr. Gandhi from Wardha on February 17 as published in the press it is stated that the text of Pandit Prajapati Misra's speech has been suppressed. There has been no suppression of the speech, which, as far as the Provincial Government are aware, was delivered ex-tempore. The version quoted by the Provincial Government was that which appeared in the following day in the leading Congress newspaper of the Province the "Searchlight" of which the editor was a member of the Advisory Committee of the Bihar Constructive Workers.

Shorthand notes of this and other speeches were made by police reporters who were present at the meeting and they confirm the "Searchlight" version.—A. P.

Leaders To Remain At Ahmednagar

AHMEDNAGAR, Feb. 20.

The news published in the papers that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant will be transferred to Bareli Jail is not confirmed in official quarters here.

It is definitely stated that none of the members of the Congress Working Committee detained in the Ahmednagar Fort will be transferred to any other jail in the near future.—A.P.

EX-PREMIER DECLINES GARLANDS

CUTTACK, Feb. 20: "I have decided not to accept garlands so long as the leaders of my country are rotting inside jails", said Mr. Bishwanath Das, ex-Premier of Orissa, as he was being garlanded while presiding over the Gokhale anniversary meeting at the Servants of India Society Hall.

Mr. Das said that Mr. Gokhale had set certain ideals before the country, the foremost of them being that a public worker should consider himself a servant of the country.—A. P.

SINHA FOR WARDHA

MUZAFARPUR, Feb. 19: Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, ex-Premier of Bihar, has left for Wardha, where he will discuss with Mahatma Gandhi the recent Government ban on prominent Congressmen of the province.

Only Muslims Can Print & Sell Quran

LAHORE, Feb. 20: The Punjab Assembly passed today official bills namely, the Punjab consolidation of and referred to a Select Committee holdings (Amendment) bill and the Badshahi mosque fund cess bill the sale of Holy Quran Restricting Bill sponsored by Han Mohd Yusuf Khan (Unionist).

According to the Quran Bill the Holy book can be printed and sold by Muslims only.

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The hours of distribution on each day will be 8-30 a.m. to 6-30 p.m.

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Fix Date For Swaraj And Leave India To Herself

Gangadhar Rao Deshpande's Solution Of Minorities Problem

POONA, February 20.

Some interesting observations on Pakistan and the minority problem are made by the veteran Congress leader of the Karnatak, Mr. Gangadharrao Deshpande in his reply to the Sapru Committee's questionnaire.

Mr. Deshpande says that to refer the Pakistan question to arbitration either by the British Government or by some eminent international jurists or statesmen would be useless. Although on principle he does not object to arbitration, Mr. Deshpande thinks it is impracticable.

ARBITRATION USELESS.

"If the arbitration is by the British", he says, "they must be responsible for carrying out the decisions they arrive at whether any of us approves of them or not. That would mean that the Government of India cannot be fully self-governing in so far as that responsibility is borne by the British Government. Even if the arbitration is by a third party, how will that party be able to execute its decrees if one party or the other refuses to abide by them?

For the purposes of a completely self-governing constitution in India therefore, a solution by the method of arbitration is useless".

FIX A DATE FOR SWARAJ.

Mr. Deshpande adds, "A contingency such as we are contemplating here can only be met by the British Government fixing a date for the inauguration of a fully self-governing constitution and announcing that, on that date, that constitution as framed by a substantial majority and approved by the British Parliament will come into operation whether one or the other party is satisfied or not. The people of India will probably be able to come to terms among themselves if such an announcement is made and a reasonable period of six months or a year is given. If the expectation is not fulfilled, the British Parliament should inaugurate the constitution and leave Indians to take care of themselves, their constitution and their country."

PAKISTAN IMPRACTICABLE.

Analysing the Pakistan claim, Mr. Deshpande says that Pakistan would make smooth, peaceful and progressive Government in India impossible. Practical difficulties of the most formidable type will hamper defence of the country, trade and commerce and even peace and order if India is divided between two or more sovereignties. The problem of minorities will persist both in Hindu India and Muslim India inspite of the establishment of Pakistan states in the south-east and north-west. The Muslim League solution must, therefore, be ruled out and a solution consistent with the needs of the country as a whole must be found.

SPIRIT OF CITIZENSHIP MUST GROW.

According to Mr. Deshpande, the best way to allay the fears of the minorities that injustice may be done to them by the majority, is the factual elimination of what may be described as caste consciousness among all people of India and treating people as citizens irrespective of caste or creed. Without a development of this idea of citizenship in all communities there is no future for our country."—A. P.

Natal Congress Elections

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 19.

Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, one of the leaders of the Transvaal Indian Congress has gone to Durban to assist the Anti-Segregation Council which claims to represent 25,000 Indians, in the election campaign of the forthcoming Natal Congress elections on March 4.—Reuter.

Alleged Theft Of Congress Flags By Police Constables

(From Our Correspondent)

BANDRA, Feb. 20.

Head Constable Salvi, Constable Anand, Constable Patangrao of the Versova Police Out-Post Jaswal a Mohammadan informant are to be tried for alleged theft of Congress Flags.

The complainants in the cases are said to be leading Congressmen of the fishermen community of Versova. They have filed two cases against the accused, one before the Resident Magistrate Andheri and the other before the Third Class Honorary Magistrate, Andheri, against the accused under Section 426 I. P. C. for mischief and Section 380 I. P. C. for theft.

The complainants alleged that on the morning of January 25, 1945 they had put up the Congress tri-colour flags on their housetops and door fronts as a token of memory of 'Independence Day' on the next day but on the same night all the flags and poles were removed away. The complainants went to the Versova Police Out Post to lodge their complaints against the theft of these flags, when to their surprise they saw several flags and poles lying in the Police Out Post and several others thrown about on the roadway.

The Resident Magistrate has referred the case to the Police for investigation while the Honorary Magistrate has issued process under section 380 I. P. C. that is theft.

BOMBAY WINS RANJI SEMI-FINAL

Defeats Northern India By Ten Wickets

DEFEATING NORTHERN INDIA BY TEN WICKETS IN THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE RANJI TROPHY TOURNAMENT WHICH CONCLUDED AT THE BRABOURNE STADIUM ON TUESDAY AFTER NOON BOMBAY HAS NOW QUALIFIED ITSELF TO PLAY AGAINST HOLKAR IN THE FINAL OF THE TOURNAMENT WHICH COMMENCES AT THE STADIUM FROM MARCH 4.

After the deadly spell cast by Tarapore on Monday evening Northern India's last four wickets added on 70 runs this morning to their overnight total of 242 before they were all out half an hour before lunch thus leaving for the home team a margin of 56 runs to win the match outright.

Ibrahim and Mantri finished off the whole job a little after lunch, Bombay thus defeating Northern India by ten wickets.

When the game resumed on Tuesday, Merchant gave an over to Tarapore with the old ball. Ram Prakash collecting five runs off that bowler reached his 50. At 247 Phadkar came to operate the new ball from the pavilion side and Ram Prakash hitting him in the cover for four sent up 250 on board.

Merchant replaced Tarapore, and with a four off that bowler by Aslam in the cover followed by two singles the visitors wiped off the deficit of 257.

After three overs Phadkar gave over the leather to Modi. The change proved effective, for off his fourth delivery Ram Prakash gave a snicked catch which was accepted by Mantri behind the wickets. (262—7—54).

Badruddin joined Aslam. A little later Tarapore was again brought in from the Churchgate side.

After 280 Raiji took over from Modi and brought about a separation by getting Aslam caught in the slips by Uday Merchant (287—8—26).

Fazal Mohmed who came out next being injured in the thigh could no run and so Aslam acted as a substitute for him. The game assumed a dull aspect and 300 went up after about 15 minutes.

The whole show came to an end when Raiji got the remaining two wickets at 312. He first dismissed Fazal getting him caught by Tarapore (312-9-11). In the same over he got Munawar the last-comer caught at silly-mid-off by Vijay Merchant. Badruddin remained not-out with 31.

BOMBAY'S (2nd Innings)

With all the wickets intact Bombay had now to hit up only 56 to win the match outright. Ibrahim and Mantri came out 20 minutes before lunch to face that easy task. The first ten went up in ten minutes with a four in the country by Ibrahim off Hafeez. When the game closed for lunch, Bombay had made 30 without any loss. Ibrahim not-out 12, Mantri not-out 18.

After lunch Badruddin opened the attack to Ibrahim who sent him to the on-boundary in his fourth delivery. Hafeez bowled from the opposite end. Runs came pouring in and after 20 minutes Mantri finished off the job by hitting Hafeez to the cover for four. Both Ibrahim and Mantri returned unbeaten to the pavilion with 31 and 27 respectively to their credit.

NORTHERN INDIA (1st Innings) 363
BOMBAY (1st Innings) ... 620

NORTHERN INDIA (2nd Innings)

Nazar Mohmed, l.b.w., Raiji	86
Munilal, c Ibrahim, b Phadkar	55
Ram Prakash, c Mantri, b Modi	54
Imtiaz Ahmed, b Tarapore	14
Abdul Hafeez, c Mantri, b Tarapore	0
Bhide, c Palwankar, b Tarapore	3
Mahomed Saeed, c Raiji, b Tarapore	12
M. Aslam, c Uday, b Raiji	26
Badruddin not out	31
Fazal Mohmud, c Tarapore, b Raiji	11
Munawar, c V Merchant, b Raiji	0
Extras	20
Total	312

Fall of Wickets:—1/124; 2/168; 3/193; 4/193; 5/199; 6/221; 7/262; 8/287; 9/312; 10/312.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Phadkar	13	1	45	1
V. M. Merchant	20	9	20	0
Mody	12	5	12	1
Palwankar	12	4	20	0
Tarapore	46	13	91	4
Raiji	28	5	79	4
Kore	5	0	25	0

BOMBAY'S 2ND INNINGS

Ibrahim	not out	31
Mantri	not out	27
Total	(no wickets)	58

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Munawar	3	1	11	0
Hafeez	7.4	1	37	0
Badruddin	5	0	10	0

SUIT AGAINST AMATEUR RIDERS CLUB

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati)

Daffardar Rulduknan ..... Plaintiff
vs.
Sir Nowroji Wadia and others ..... Defendants

Sir Nowroji Wadia, the President of the Amateur Riders Club had presented a Challenge Cup known as the "Wadia Challenge Trophy" for an Open Tent-Pegging event. The plaintiff, a sowar in the service of one Mrs. A. J. Willing, had won the trophy in the last competition. The competition was to take place again this year and was fixed for Wednesday afternoon. The defendants who constituted the Managing Committee of the Club had amended the rules so as to restrict the competition to amateur riders only. The plaintiff contended that the donor having given the trophy for an open event the Managing Committee has no right to restrict it that way, and by the present notice of motion he applied for an Injunction restraining them from doing so.

At the hearing the plaintiff agreed to a dismissal of the notice of motion as well as the suit.

Mr. V. F. Taraporewalla and Mr. K. H. Bhabha instructed by Messrs. Thakoredas and Madgaokar appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. F. B. Ghaswalla instructed by Messrs. H. M. Vakeel & Co. appeared for the defendants.

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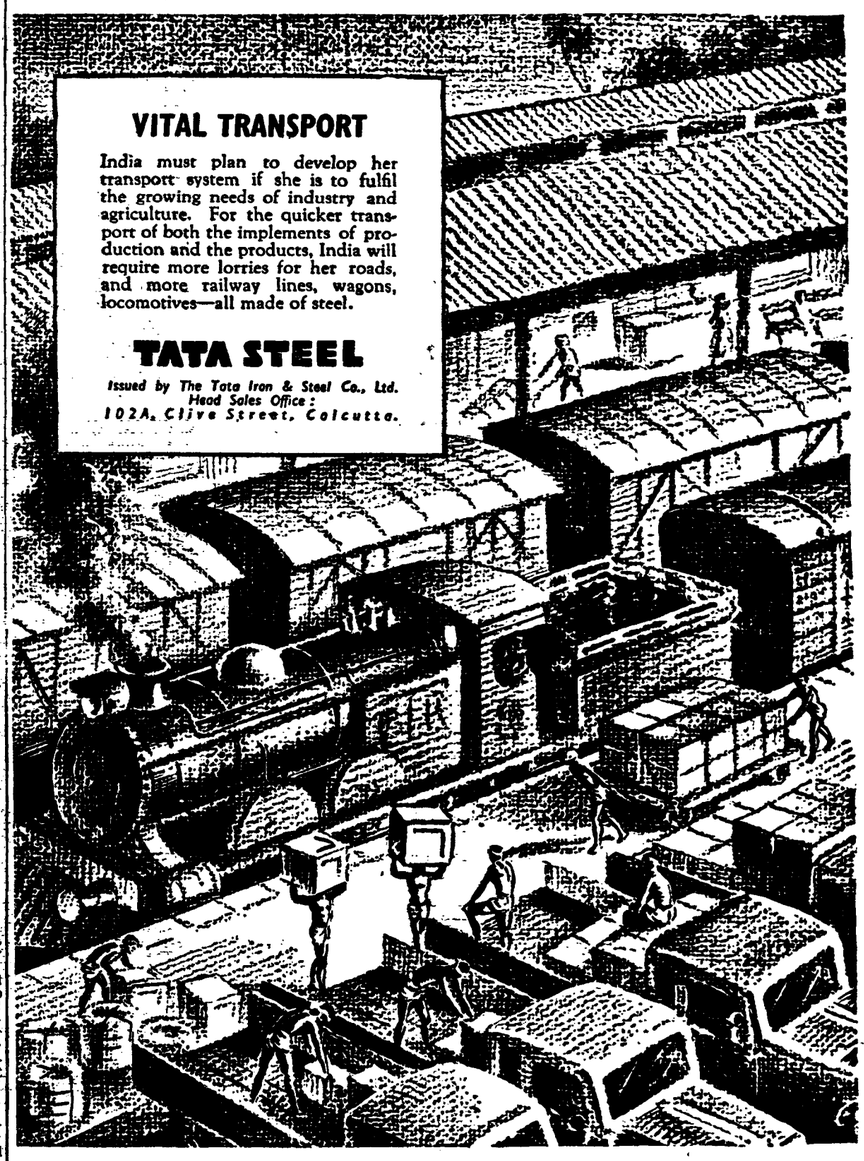

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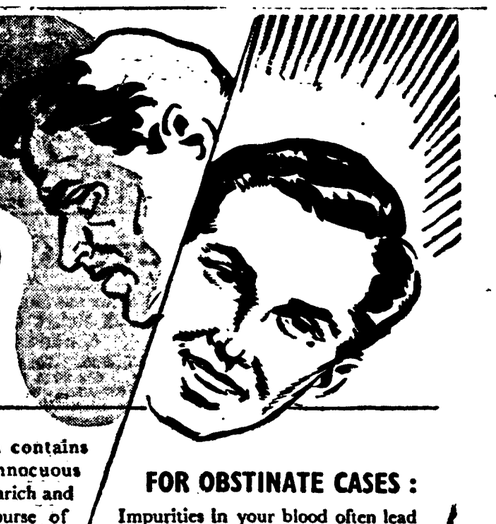

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High.de: 7-36, 21-48.
Lowtide: 2-27, 14-37.
Standing Committee Meeting, at 2-30 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

J. K. MEHTA PURSE FUND: A purse to be presented to Mr. J. K. Mehta to-day (Wednesday), at Taj Mahal Hotel, at 5-15 p.m. Seth Pranlal Deokaran Nanjee presiding.

BOMBAY SHROFFS (BANKERS) ASSO. LTD.: 34th Annual General Meeting to-day at 4-30 p.m. (N. S. T.), in the Hall of the Association.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF BANKERS: Prof. J. J. Anjaria will speak at 6 p.m., on "Supply of Money" at Institute's Hall, to-day (Wednesday).

COMPULSORY EDUCATION DRIVE. Mass meeting at Gunpodwer Street, Mazgaon in Marathi, at 6-45 p.m. to-day (Wednesday).

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Annual General Meeting in the Association's rooms at Cama Institute, to-day (Wednesday), at 6 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Jehangir Wadia Building. Question and Answer Meeting with Short Talk on "Spiritual Forces in History", 6-15 p.m., today (Wednesday).

HEALTH EXHIBITION: At the Victoria Gardens open from 8-30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Cinema films shown from 8-15 p.m. to 9-15 p.m. (No Entrance Fee).

A CLINICAL MEETING of the Indian Medical Association will be held at 3-45 p.m. (N. S. T.), to-day (Wednesday), at the G. S. Medical College Physiology Theatre, Parel.

BALKAN-JI-BARI: A meeting of the Bombay Provincial Balan-ji-Bari Executive Committee, to-day (Wednesday), at 6 p.m. (S. T.), at the Fellowship School, Gowalia Tank.

SHAHIDI DIWAN: The Sikhs will hold a special diwan, to-day (Wednesday), at Naigam Gurdwara plots, Dadar in the evening from 7-45 p.m. to 9-45 p.m. in observance of Nankana Sahib and Jaito Martyr's Day.

LECTURE BY DASTUR BODE: To-day (Wednesday), at 6-15 p.m., at Mazdaznan Temple Hall, opp. Churchgate Station, "All questions regarding Mazdaznan will be answered by Dastur Bode."

AMATEUR RIDERS' CLUB: Third Annual Sports on Lloyd Recreation Ground to-day (Wednesday) and to-morrow, at 5-30 p.m. and 5-15 p.m. respectively. The Governor of Bombay to be present.

CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA: Annual meeting of the Secretaries of Cricket Clubs in Bombay to arrange the Cricket fixtures for the ensuing season at the Governor's Pavilion, Brabourne Stadium, on Wednesday, the 21st February, 1945, at 6 p.m.

S. L. & S. SOCIETY'S GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL: The Prize Distribution Gathering of this School will be held at the St. Xavier's College Hall, to-day (Wednesday), at 5-30 p.m. (N. S. T.). Mr. Motiram Narayan Desai will preside.

RASHTRA VIKAS EXHIBITION: Mr. Shanti Shah, the General Secretary, Bombay Students' Union writes to say that the Students' Union (Nationalist) will wholeheartedly co-operate in organising the exhibition. Student workers, namely Mr. Prahalad Mehta, Mr. Dandavate and Mr. Dhiru Parikh are already put in charge of different sections of the exhibition. I appeal to students of Bombay to co-operate with them to make the exhibition a grand success.

MOGAVEERA SAMAJA SEVA SANGA, BOMBAY: With the object of providing a Hall to be utilised for public functions such as marriages, meetings, facilitating boarding and lodging for poor students of the Mulki High School, etc. as also as a centre for carrying on the activities of the Sangha, a plot has been purchased at Mulki. The foundation stone of the building will be laid on 21st Feb. by H. H. Sri Madhava Mangala Poojari, head of the Mogaveera community. The Sangha will gratefully accept donations towards the object, which may be forwarded at 8, Nanabhai Lane, Fort, Bombay.

Mrs. Alice Alvares

Mrs. Alice Alvares, who was released on grounds of health and interned at Mangalore in November last has been allowed to leave Mangalore but not to enter the Province of Bombay.

Magistrates' Dinner To Governor

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

H. E. the Rt. Hon. Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, was the guest of honour at a Party given by the President and members of the Managing Committee of the Society of the Hon. Presidency Magistrates of Bombay at the Willingdon Sports Club on Tuesday evening.

H. E. the Governor was received by Dr. M. D. Joshi, the President and Mr. J. P. Katgara, the Secretary of the Association and introduced to the members of the Managing Committee. After tea, H. E. the Governor was taken round and introduced to the Hon. Magistrates by Dr. M. D. Joshi while Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate took round Hon. Justice Sir Patrick Spens, the Chief Justice of India and introduced him to the members of the Association.

Among those present were also Sir Leonard Stones, Chief Justice of Bombay, the Presidency Magistrates, Mr. H. E. Butler, the Police Commissioner and Mr. U. M. Mirchandani, the Municipal Commissioner.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21.

BOMBAY—1.

244 m (1,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 M. Sagheer Asif. 8-45 Alap Todi: On Sitar. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 Tomorrow. 9-15 Instr. Music. 9-30 G. Q. Khan.

12-30 p.m. Music (G). 12-45 New (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Break for Lunch (H) 1-30 News (E). 1-40 History in Making (E). 1-55 Music. 4-20 School Broadcast. 5-0 Tarabai Gadagkar. 5-30 AIR Quartet. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 For Children (M). 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary (H). 6-50 Thumri. 7-0 Nai Kasouti Par (H). 7-15 Behag: On Sitar. 7-30 Marathi Programme (B. B. C.). 8-0 M. Sagheer Asif. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Tarabai Gadakar. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 Planning for New India (E). 10-0 AIR Orchestra. 10-15 M. Sagheer Asif. 10-30 Gururao Deshpande.

REQUISITIONING OF PREMISES

Corporation's Protest Against Arbitrary Doings By Government

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

At a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, on Tuesday, it was resolved to request the Mayor to impress upon Government the desirability of relaxing the policy of requisitioning premises in the city, at very short notice, and not paying proper rents and of taking effective measures so as to cause minimum of inconvenience to residents and landlords whose premises were requisitioned. Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor, was in the chair.

Mr. P. M. Chinai, moving the resolution, said that the practice of requisitioning premises had not been given up in spite of the effective improvement in the war situation. Both rich and the poor were affected by this practice. He stated that in some cases, rents were fixed low and in some others compensation was not made in accordance with the awards made by arbitrators. He further stated that his property at Versova was requisitioned in March 1942 and the rent fixed was Rs. 330, with the result that he had to seek arbitration and get the amount of rent raised to Rs. 700.

Mr. Devji Ratansey, seconding the resolution, observed that the problem of housing had been rendered more difficult by the dock explosions in Bombay. He pointed out that material for repairs and rebuilding of only godowns was being issued and even those godowns were being subsequently requisitioned by Government. This was not fair, he added, in view of the shortage of business premises and storage facilities.

REMOVAL OF REFUSAL

Another resolution which was adopted, requested the Commissioner to devise suitable and prompt means to arrange for the removal of refuse from the Refuse Depots in the city, particularly from the crowded localities, and in the vicinity of Municipal and private markets.

The resolution was moved by Mr R. B. Raut and Mr. G. S. Morarji seconding it, suggested that incinerators to burn refuse might be provided for.

Mr. U. M. Mirchandani, the Municipal Commissioner agreed that the question was a serious and important one. He had, on that very day, discussed the question with the Health Officer.

He pointed out that the Municipality was experimenting with an incinerator near Love Grove Pumping Station. But he thought that all the city's refuse could not be burnt away, because there were not enough open spaces in the city and the refuse did not consist only of leaves but of garbage requiring tremendous heating. The present practice was to consign the sweeping to tin-sheds and he admitted these dumps were unsightly and disgusting. The quantity of refuse in the city had increased and there were frequent break-downs in lorries. The Municipality had written to the Transport Controller and others for more lorries and, he thought that if the question of house-to-house removal of refuse could be successfully tackled, the problem could be rendered easier.

THEFTS IN CITY

Resolutions requesting Government to take immediate and adequate steps against increasing larceny, theft and robbery in the city and seeking to get the removal of blast walls and to get static tanks filled up were also passed.

The Corporation, then, adjourned till March 1.

B. P. WOMEN'S COUNCIL

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Kasturba Anniversary

Mr. S. K. Patil, writes:

Thursday (February 22) is the first death anniversary of Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi according to the English calendar and it will be observed in the City of Bombay on behalf of various Congress organisations. It is also the last day of the celebrations which are going on in the City since the 11th February.

There will be meetings in all the Wards organised by the various District Congress Committees. There will be special functions for Harijans, women and children. Shri Nagindas T. Master, will preside at the gathering organised by the Girgaum District Congress Committee at 7 p.m. (Thursday), at the Marwari Vidhyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road. Prominent speakers will take part in and address the Sammelan.

Thana District Newspaper Association Formed

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Feb. 19.

The Thana District Newspaper Association was formed yesterday in a meeting held here when newspaper representatives from Dahanu, Bassein, Bhiwandi Kalyan and other parts of the district were present.

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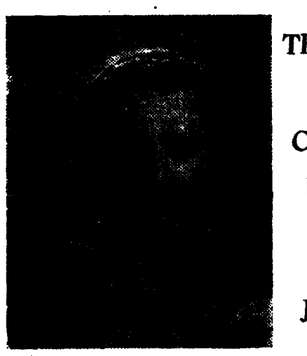

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 20.—The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours I.M.T. on 17/2/45:—
Allahabad 78 49 0, BOMBAY 83 64 0, Calcutta 82 57 0, Cawnpore 78 47 0, Cuttack 87 62 0, Darjeeling 40 30 0, Delhi 79 46 0, Dehra Dun 71 43 0, Jacobabad 80 48 0, Karachi N 77 62 0, Lahore 70 46 0, Lucknow 79 47 0, Madras 86 72 0, Nagpur 90 58 0, Patna 76 49 0, Peshawar 58 38 0, Shillong 57 33 0, Simla 48 34 0.—A.P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The day of small countries is past. It is also patent that the day even of big countries standing by themselves is past. Huge countries like the Soviet Union or the United States of America may be capable of standing by themselves, but even they are likely to join themselves to other countries or groups. The only solution is a world federation of free countries. In Europe people talk of a European Federation or Union, sometimes they include the U. S. A. and the British Dominions in their group. They leave out always China and India, imagining that these two great countries can be ignored. There can be no world-arrangement which is based on ignoring India or China.

—Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Bombay Chronicle

SCANDALOUS FAVOURITISM

The first day's debate on the Railway Budget was, as usual, desultory. But the question of Indianisation of the railway administration demands special notice. Many evils arise from the fact that the men who control the administration are mostly non-Indians. Mr Ananthasayanam Ayyangar of the Congress Party justly objected that the Budget was not submitted by a National Government and not even by an Indian Member. Referring to the War Transport Member's misleading claim that 99 3/4 per cent of the railway operations were in the hands of Indians Mr. Ayyangar remarked with understandable bitterness that that was because the Transport Member could not bring pointsmen from England. He rightly suggested that what was essential was that men at the top must be Indians. The actual state of things is far different in spite of Government's professed policy of Indianisation during the last many years. The figures establishing this fact were discreetly omitted by the Transport Member but are found in the Report of the Railway Board on Indian Railways. The report shows that Europeans formed 35.6 per cent of the gazetted officers of the railways, while the Anglo-Indians and domiciled Europeans formed 10.8 per cent, as against 37 per cent for the Hindus and only 9.8 per cent for Muslims. On no principle of fairness can the unconscionable weightage given to the handful of Europeans and Anglo-Indians. It is unmitigated racial favouritism and nepotism, which is naturally responsible for much inefficiency in the railway administration.

The statement in the Railway Report about subordinates on scales of pay rising to Rs. 250 per month and over is also revealing. It shows that while the percentages for Hindus and Muslims are 39 and 8 respectively that for Anglo-Indians and domiciled Europeans is 35.6. It is as if a Government and Railway Board dominated by Europeans kept the Railways as a preserve for the Anglo-Indians and Domiciled Europeans. The favouritism shown to this community is a scandal of the first magnitude. Nobody has ventured to say that the posts were won by sheer merit. Mr. Frank Anthony had the audacity to say that in recognition of the services of the Anglo-Indian community the administration had undertaken to employ a certain percentage of members of that community. Nobody has heard of any special services rendered by the community to justify any preference to it. The fact is rather that the community was shown almost unrestrained favouritism in the past and that has been made a justification for its continuance now in spite of the clear injustice to other communities in the country. Anglo-Indians and Domiciled Europeans should certainly be treated as Indians but not in a manner discriminating against other Indians. It is also necessary that the entire railway administration should be Indianised at a far more rapid pace than it has been so far. Till this is done other railway grievances cannot be effectively redressed.

Village Uplift Work

Work in villages for and by women was the gist of Gandhiji's inspiring address at Wardha to the workers of the Kasturba Memorial Fund. The need for the all-round uplift of women in India he urged in most feeling words which ought to appeal to all feeling men. He did not at all exaggerate when he said: "To-day the sole occupation of a woman amongst us was supposed to be to bear children, look after her husband and otherwise drudge for the household. This was a shame. Not only was the woman condemned to domestic slavery, but when she went out as a labourer to earn wages, though she worked harder than the men, she was paid less. Children were forced to go to work at an early age. Some of them worked often as much as the men, but were paid even less than women. This state of affairs must be put an end to." It certainly must be ended and a fairly large number of men and women are today prepared and can be prepared tomorrow to work for the uplift of villages particularly of the enslaved women of villages. But one great difficulty is that they have no clear ideas as to what precisely they should do. Gandhiji himself stated: "We have not set about village work in right earnest so far. We have only tinkered with it here and there amateurishly". It will be well for experienced workers to confer and prepare practically useful booklet for the detailed guidance of inexperienced workers. Some of the books should contain reports of good work already done in different parts of the country. Many useful lessons can be learnt from experienced Government servants and sincere Christian missionaries. It is also necessary that experienced workers of every district should strive to make at least one village in each district if not in each taluka, a model village. These will be excellent object lessons to those who are puzzled as to what should be done and how with regard to village uplift.

Frankly Speaking

A German Counter-Stroke

An interesting development is reported from Hitler's Eastern front. The Germans are attempting a counter-stroke in a determined effort to stabilise their Oder front. They claim to have recaptured a number of towns too including Sagan. But it is seriously doubtful if this effort can at all succeed. And even if it did, the front will not remain "stabilised" for many days. There is already a flare up in the northern sector and it is only a matter of days before the southern sector springs to activity. The Germans simply cannot cope with all the Russian armies. Nor can their desperate counter-attacks long delay the final end. For, on the Western Front too they are threatened both with a general offensive and a possible break through by Field Marshal Montgomery. Not even a miracle can save the Nazis.

Iwojima Invaded

As was confidently expected, the Americans have landed on Iwojima. But it is tough going. For seventy-two days Iwojima was bombed from the air and occasionally shelled too. That was just a preparatory campaign. Then came the navy in force. For three days Iwojima sustained bombardment by warships including no fewer than six battleship. It was after this tremendous softening up that Iwojima, a small island only eight square miles in area has been invaded. 30,000 American marines are ashore plodding slowly through stubborn resistance. All this shows how strongly the island was defended and with what fury the Japs are resisting the Americans. But all this is also a measure of its strategic importance. The Japs have done every thing possible to defend it on a big scale because they know that the loss of Iwojima will tear a vital gap in the inner defences of Tokyo and, indeed, of Japan. This gap is being torn and the process will not take long.

General Franco

Under the heading "Bankruptcy of Franco and intrigues of his protectors" Moscow's "Pravda" has arraigned the Dictator of Spain on five specific counts. All of them are essentially correct although the Caudillo and his regime would indignantly deny nearly all of them. But the charge sheet is incomplete. Accusation number 1, which "Pravda" has not urged is that General Franco usurped power by methods which were undemocratic and a wholesale defiance of popular opinion and will. Moreover, General Franco in the prosecution of his campaign, also defied international law and conventions. We wish the main charge had not been omitted. It was, in fact, necessary. "Pravda's" denunciation of General Franco has, however, stimulated speculation. The publication of a letter written sometime earlier by Mr. Winston Churchill to General Franco immediately preceded Yalta. "Pravda's" denunciation has almost immediately followed it. Is it possible to read some significance in all this? Can one hope that the Big Three have in their Plan for Europe an item about rescuing the people of Spain from autocracy and dictatorship?

Churchill And Arab League

Mr. Winston Churchill was in Cairo for full three days, his visit coinciding with the conference in the Egyptian capital of the Foreign Ministers of Arab States. This is exciting news. It is a vivid confirmation of the international importance of the Arab Conference. Apart from the Arab countries, nearly all the Big Powers are interested in it for their joint and several—in the latter case, conflicting too—reasons. But most profoundly interested are Britain and France. And we should not be surprised if the French reaction to Mr. Churchill's visit was a sharp concern about French "interests." Mr. Churchill is openly sympathetic to the aspirations of Syria and the Lebanon and General de Gaulle and his Cabinet are emphatically opposed to them. French attitude is unblushingly and confessedly Imperialistic and must be condemned. But Mr. Winston Churchill's sympathy, strictly confined to Syria and the Lebanon, is the outcome of Imperialistic rivalry rather than loyalty to principles of democracy. He does not speak of freedom for the people of Palestine or the Transjordan. There is a big catch in British interest in the Middle East, and the Arab countries will do well to beware of it for the sake of all. Britain's support to the project of an Arab League is welcome. But if it involves British patronage or the preservation of British domination over Palestine and the Transjordan, the League will stultify itself.

"SATYARTHA PRAKASHA" CONTROVERSY

(BY DR. BHAGWANDAS)

The dailies have recently published an A.P.I. report dated Surat, 7-2-'45, to the effect that "Mahatma Gandhi believes that the original of "Satyartha Prakasha" should be revised by reformist Arya Samajists and comments objectionable to other religions removed."

This is undoubtedly an exceedingly good idea. I venture to supplement it with the suggestion that similarly revised editions may be issued, of the Veda, the Bible, the Quran—to name them in the chronological order of their appearance in the human world.

It would, of course, be best, if such, editions were brought out by Pandits, Bishops, and Mullas, jointly, or separately and respectively. But, perhaps, these two ways, though "ideal", are not practical.

Failing them, such expurgated editions might be brought out by learned and at the same time philanthropic laymen. If the objectionable portions are removed, an astonishing identity, or similarity, of beliefs, aspirations, and practices will be discovered. That there are objectionable portions in all these scriptures, is proved beyond doubt by the 'fact' that objections in abundance 'have been actually' brought forward against those in each, by the professors and followers of the others.

Such expurgated editions are very desirable for another reason, viz., each Scriptures would be abridged into a very small, compact, convenient form, which could be easily read through and mastered, even perhaps committed to memory, by its own followers, and read by those of the others, for purposes of comparison, which would result in sympathetic appreciation instead of depreciative antipathy.

ESSENTIAL UNITY OF ALL RELIGIONS

Pending the publication of such expurgated abridged editions, I would bring to the notice of all interested in the question, a compilation by myself, "The Essential Unity of All Religions". In it, parallel texts, original, with translation—some 1,150 altogether—from the Scriptures of these three great religions, as well as eight others less numerously followed, have been brought together. These texts deal with all the main aspects of each religion—creedal, devotional, and actional. I subjoin here, a recent appreciation of the compilation, which has brought to me deep heart-satisfaction.

(Nawab) Sir Ahmed Hussain, (Amin Jung, M.A., LL.D., K.C.I.E., C.S.I.), now over eighty years of age, was for forty years, Private Secretary to the late and the present Nizams of Hyderabad. Now, in retirement, he devotes himself to spiritual religious exercises and studies. He happened to come across this book; and has sent me a letter, D/- 30-12-1943, in the course of which he writes (what I am now publishing with his consent):

"During the last twelve years of many bereavements and anxieties, I have been in the habit of devoting, daily, some time to meditation of some kind or other, after reading a page or two of one of the three sacred books, which always stand on my private study table—the 'Quran,' the 'Bible' and the 'Gita.' Since March 1942, I have added to these a copy of your book, "The Essential Unity of All Religions", which gives the essence of those three sacred books, as well as of other sacred books, with brief illuminating explanations and footnotes. I read it with a much care and reverence as I have been in the habit of reading the three books I have named in the order in which I became acquainted with them. Your marvellous book gives me the same or similar pabulum for thought and meditation."

Sir Ahmed Hussain and I have never met in the physical body, and did not know anything about each other till this book came into his hands. Now we have verily met in the spirit. The brief extract, given above, from his letter, proves his deeply spiritual and truly humanist truth-loving all-embracing humanism. His appreciation, of the best and highest in all religions, generous as it is, is transparently sincere and disinterested, and evidences his earnest wish for peace between the creeds.

NO COPYRIGHT IN TRUTH

To prevent any misunderstanding from arising out of the fact that I am inviting public attention to a compilation by myself (—though, indeed, every writer or speaker who addresses the public, on any subject, in any way, implicitly and explicitly invites attention to his own views thereby),—I may mention that a front-page of the book says that "there is no copyright in the book," as there is none in Truth, and none in the Scriptures; that the compiler says nothing original of his own, and that even the thread on which the ancient pearls are strung, is scarcely new; that he has no financial interest in the book, which is being given away at less than cost of paper and print; that some 3,000 copies of the current edition have gone, since it came out at the end of 1939; that about 1,000 more remain in hand; and that the compiler is very desirous that some enterprising and also philanthropic publisher might set about, now, without delay, trying to surmount the paper-difficulty, and bring out a fresh edition of a few thousand copies—to serve the public, pending the appearance of the very desirable expurgated texts of the three great Scriptures, as well as of Satyartha Prakasha; with the matter of which last book there is nothing very wrong; only the manner of the last four chapters, which criticise the corruption and extravagances, which have crept into 'all' religions, and are to be found in their present form, and criticise all impartially—that manner is unfortunately more warlike than polite, courteous and philharmonic: as is the manner of all controversies, carried on by the theologians of any and every religion. The Odium theologium is notorious.

"PUSSYFOOT" JOHNSON

BY CHANDIDAS

The loss of William Eugene Johnson in his 82nd year comes as a bolt from the blue. The prohibitionists all over the world will much lament his demise since he was an accredited advocate of the cause of temperance. He made 4,000 speeches and went round the world thrice as an indomitable fighter of liquor evil. He was a member of Devalaya Association and Vishwa Bharati and was also a life member of the Prohibition League of India. He lost one eye when, as he was addressing a London audience in 1919, a missile hit him in the eye.

He was popularly known as "Pussyfoot" Johnson. The expressive Americanism stands for a man who like the pussy moves about silently. And Johnson merited that description fully as can be seen by the way he dealt with liquor traders. To make them furnish him with compromising evidence, he resorted to stratagems. On a note paper bearing the legend Johnson's Pale Ale' he wrote thus:

Dear Sir:

There is a prohibition amendment pending in this State, and I would like to have your advice as a member of the trade.....Please tell us frankly what you think we should lay the most stress on in Nebraska, for accomplishing the best results for the liquor trade..... It is my opinion that if Nebraska dealers will take up high licence and show its advantages as a revenue measure and a plan for regulating the traffic, etc., they will get the support of the best people, and even some preachers.... What do you think of this? How should campaign funds be distributed for the best results? Is it worth-while to hire speakers or to engage in debates with the prohibitions? Give me your best plan for working through political machinery, and especially how to silence the pulpit and the press.

Yours faithfully,
W. E. JOHNSON.

Strange to say, the liquor dealers readily put faith in his words and did as they were requested. A deluge of authentic evidence flooded his office. When Johnson thought that there were sufficient proofs to damn the trade, he duly published them in the "New York Voice" and the "Lincoln call." But the liquor magnates by dint of their influence succeeded in their attempts to prevent the circulation of the papers in Nebraska. But they had succeeded in vain! For, Johnson promptly started a paper of his own and through its medium gave publicity to the astounding revelations he had managed to corner. When liquor merchants began threatening the boys who sold his paper, he faltered not to fight the issue out.

In 1906 Johnson was deputed to stamp out liquor traffic in the Red Indian Territory (the State of Oklahoma). Col. Theodore Roosevelt gave a deaf ear to the pleas of liquor magnates and in his characteristic way wrote "Leave Johnson alone, more power to his elbow", upon a letter addressed to him by a powerful politician who opposed tooth and nail Johnson's efforts to enforce prohibition in the Red Indian Territory.

Instances that throw light on his unsurpassed achievements in dealing with desperadoes, can be multiplied. But suffice it to present one single incident that speaks for itself.

Once Johnson, disguising himself, deliberately went to a drink-seller who boasted that he would wipe out "Pussyfoot" at sight. He acted as if he were heavily drunk and asked for a drink.

Haughtily demanding "real hell fire", he threw down a bottle of Sarsaparilla—a soft drink, placed before him. The liquor dealer convinced of the genuineness of the customer, produced a bottle of spiritous liquor carefully concealed under the floor and placed it before him. After pouring out a generous libation "Pussyfoot" demanded tobacco so that he may take the drink-seller unawares. The instant he turned his back to him, he seized the dealer's revolver and levelled it at him. The next moment the helpless drink-seller was made prisoner. Later he was brought to book.

'Pussyfoot' did not even spare papers which were the mouth-pieces of liquor interests. They too were exposed by his familiar ruses.

The outcome of all the efforts of Johnson was far-reaching one. The poor people especially were ensured of their happiness and prosperity in the days following the introduction of temperance in America. But Johnson must have wept his heart out when the liquor traffic was restored there somehow. All his life work thus ultimately came to nothing. A sad fact indeed!

Carriages Like 'Black Holes Of Calcutta'

SAPRU PLEADS FOR BETTER AMENITIES FOR THIRD CLASS PASSENGERS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 20.

In the Council of State opening the general discussion of the railway budget Mr. P. N. Sapru questioned the propriety of ignoring the special Convention Committee set up to make recommendations in regard to the allocation of Railway Revenue. As a temporary war measure the "unorthodox budget" might have its supporters but nevertheless, it was a serious departure from the scientific basis of allocation and might have repercussions on the general system of Railway Finance.

The large orders for locomotives and wagons placed abroad, Mr Sapru said, would result in large sums of money being transferred to foreign countries and retarding the growth of the locomotive and wagon industry in India. He asked whether His Majesty's Government did not get locomotives free of cost from the United States and they were transferred to India at an inflated price.

Mr. Sapru disagreed that the Railway finances indicated prosperity. Goods traffic had been stopped often for months and people resorted to passenger parcels. The public were compelled to travel in higher classes, because they were unable to secure lower class accommodation. Lower class travelling was something like so many "Blackholes of Calcutta." Mr. Sapru pleaded for the betterment of the travelling conditions of the third class passengers.

Mr. G. S. Motilal (Congress) said that the war had imposed a tremendous burden on our railway system which was illequipped to cope up with the demands. The military authorities failed to anticipate the stress to which the railways would be subjected, and made no recommendations earlier to meet the situation. He protested against the placing of large orders for locomotives and wagons at high prices, disregarding public opinion in the country. The authorities, he said, had done nothing to remove the grievances of third class travellers.

Mr. Hossain Imam (Muslim League) said that increased railway expenditure on account of defence requirements should be debited to the War Department. He agreed that Government had accepted the principle, but the method of accounting was such that the real war cost was hidden.

Mr. Imam criticised Government's proposal to hand over the Singhbum workshops to Tatas for the manufacture of boilers.

He urged that Government should now make arrangements for the conversion of a number of railway workshops from munition production to manufacture coaches and thus relieve the plight of lower class travellers.

Sir Sobha Singh asked for regrouping of railways so that they might be more effectively controlled and more efficiently worked.

Sir Gopalaswami Iyengar said that provision of amenities for lower class passengers was a crying need. The Standing Finance Committee estimated that about forty crores would be required for the purpose. There was a surplus of about sixteen crores in each of the past three years which could be put into the railway reserve, and earmarked as an "amenities reserve fund". This together with an extra eight crores found out of the increased contribution to the Railway Reserve would finance the whole of the figure estimated by the committee for this purpose.

He criticised at length the manner in which the amount of surplus was arrived at and the proposal made for its disposal.

Generally, high costs of works and equipment, said Sir Gopalaswamy were responsible for a number of difficulties.

RLY. COMMISSIONER'S REPLY

Sir Arthur Griffin, Chief Commissioner for Railways, replying to some of the points raised by previous speakers claimed that Government had made substantial progress in the establishment of the locomotive and wagon industry. They had held the balance even between private enterprise and the state. Government used the Tatas in the construction of boilers in the Singbhum workshops, because thereby they hoped to get quicker results. The Tatas had already the necessary equipments and they were already turning out certain tools essential for locomotive manufacture. It was hoped to get another manufacturer in South India.

In regard to the criticism of large orders placed abroad for locomotives and wagons, Sir Arthur explained that the maximum capacity for wagon manufacture in India was stated to be 1,200 a month, but the deliveries never exceeded 500. That was because of the difficulties of supervision and shortage of materials. Government, however, hoped to step up that production to 700 a month. The total order placed were 46,730 broad-gauge wagons, 12,481 metre gauge wagons, 937 broadgauge locomotives and 415 metre gauge locomotives. Government themselves had nothing to do with the placing of the orders abroad. The goods might come from the United Kingdom or the United States or Australia, according to the general planning production of the United Nations. On the objection that the Indian tax-payer should not be called upon to pay for the replacement wagons that were wearing out because of the exigencies of war, Sir Arthur pointed out that if we were wearing out the wagons, we were also earning on them. A portion of coaching stocks sent to the Middle East were for ambulance trains, and he did not think anyone would object to such exports. A good portion of them were, however, returning. For such stocks that did not return, Government were charging H.M.G. at the present day cost, and for those that returned double the cost, of depreciation was charged. That, he said, was a very reasonable financial arrangement.

As for the plea for the electrification of railways, Sir Arthur said that the general managers of Railways had been asked to discuss the question with the Provincial Governments to take advantage of the electrification schemes. He would, however, point out that electrification would be justified only where there was intensity of traffic such as the suburban service.

Sir Arthur hoped that in the relatively near future, steps would be taken to provide certain amenities to third class travellers.

After many dreary years of depression, Sir Arthur said, the railways had wiped out the debts to the Depreciation Fund and increased the fund to just over 98 crores, had built up a reserve of 34 crores and had acquired all the principal railways. The railway finances were healthy and strong, although the reasons for it were purely fortuitous, because they arose from a catastrophe which nobody would want to see again.

Mr. V. V. Kalikar refuted the Chief Commissioner's statement that the ordinary passenger was more prosperous than before, and that therefore there was an increase in the railway traffic. Even in first class compartments, people slept on the floors, and certainly nobody would like to travel on footboards for pleasure. It was only the bribetaker the black marketeer and the war contractor that had all the money, and even the highest official had not got more money now than before the war.

Mr. Thirumala Rau said he was opposed to the railway budget in principle, because it was framed by a Government not responsible to the people. He urged that the dismantled branch line from Cocoanada should be reconstructed at the earliest opportunity. Mr. Mohammed Padsha said that no other industry in the country was so prosperous and made so much money as the railways, and yet they had failed to meet the elementary rights of their customers.

Mr. S. K. Roy Chaudhary relating the hardships of the civilian passengers declared that the animals were receiving better treatment at the hands of the railways. He said during the last session, he was travelling by the Toofan Express when he saw that some goats carried in a truck had more accommodation provided than human passengers.

Brigadier Hassamuddin complained that at times even officers had to sleep in bath rooms.

Mr. Mohan Das speaking with special reference to Assam said that the railway travel these days was unfit for human beings.

Sir Arthur Griffin, Chief Commissioner of Railways gave the assurance that favourable consideration would be given by his department to the replacement of dismantled lines.

The House adjourned till Thursday.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

LONDON, Feb. 19

A strong appeal for a solution of the Indian problem was made by Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan when he replied to the toast "delegates from overseas" proposed by Viscount Astor at a dinner to the delegates to the British Commonwealth Relations Conference to-night.

Sir M. Zafrulla Khan said: "Believe me, issues far more momentous and vital for future peace and civilisation hang upon the solution of this problem than is perhaps being appreciated at the moment".

—Reuter.

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Urging Tariff Control, Mr. L. S Amery is reported to have declared in Birmingham: "We must give effective priority to purchase from the sterling area as well to our exports to that area".

This is the most appropriate vindication of Mr. Amery and his 'raison d'etre' as British Secretary for India

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Replying to a question in the Central Assembly, Sir Sultan Ahmad revealed that the estimated expenditure on the Indian Information Services in America during 1944-45 was Rs. 4,51,245.

The propaganda is quite cheap too, isn't it?

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Referring to the recent actions and subsequent revisions thereof, of the Bihar and U. P. Governments against Congress leaders, an Anglo-Indian contemporary says: "...in view of the clear assurance given by Mr. Gandhi there should be no difficulty about Congressmen giving Provincial Governments the guarantees they require".

But, of course, there must be every difficulty about Provincial Governments giving Congressmen the apology that they deserve in view of the clear blunder perpetrated by those Governments.

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According to the United Press, latest information in Karachi is that Mr. Yusuf Haroon, a supporter of the Premier, has changed sides and is now backing Mr. G. M. Syed.

Another latest information, however, is that the League High Command has not changed sides and is still supporting Sir Ghulam Husain Hidayatullah.

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Apropos of all this, the Junior Colleague has brought his own brand of latest information that there is a possibility, as the final upshot (for the time being) of the whole thing, that Sir Ghulam Husain, the Premier will change sides to back Mr. G. M. Syed.

It is, of course, quite wrong and as —er—unreal as Bombay's skim milked tea.

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It has been officially announced that Mr. Churchill has returned to London having stayed three days in Cairo on his way.

Our thoughts have, therefore, gone to Cairo and the Middle East in sympathy and anxiety.

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As one report puts it, Mr. Churchill's visit to Cairo coincided with the Conference of Arab Foreign Ministers.

Coincided or collided or both, let us—well hope for the best.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The only difference between repartee and impudence is the size of the man who says it.

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When a woman marries a man and the honeymoon is on the wane, then she begins to find him out—nearly every night.

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A good many of the pictures in the rogues' gallery are steal engravings.

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If the average woman hasn't anything else to talk about, she talks about all the time.

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Even if love weren't blind there would doubtless be just as many divorce courts doing business.

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Truth crushed to earth will rise again—and the crushing and the rising constitute a continuous performance.

ALLIES CLEAR GOCH

Several German Towns Captured

SHAEF (Paris) Feb. 20: Gen. Eisenhower's communique today said: "Between the Rhine and the Maas rivers heavy fighting continues in the Moyland area where Allied forces have made slight advance toward Calcar. Goch has been entered.

South-west of Pruem our forces have pushed more than a mile and captured the towns of Uttfe'd and Masthorn. Farther west other elements have captured Leideborn.

North-west of Echternach we have cleared Nusbaum and Neidersbegen and entered Stookigt. North of Echternach we have pushed to a point one and fourth miles north of Schankweiler and the Pruem river overlooking Holsthum. East of Echternach our elements have pushed to within a mile of Minden. Gains of up to one mile have been made by units south-east of Remich in the vicinity of Munzingen.

In the vicinity of Forbach our forces have occupied Oetingen and Etzlingen. North of Saargemund the enemy was driven from the German town of Auersmacher where our units have crossed the Saar river. Farther east we have occupied Frauenberg and Folpersweiler.

During the day eight enemy aircraft were shot down. One of our heavybombers, one medium bomber and nine fighters are missing.

Nazi Escape Road Cut

Reuters' special correspondent at SHAEF:—

The road leading from Gooh, south west of Aafferden, has been cut blocking this escape route for the German garrison. In the Remich—Merzig sector of the 3rd Army, the 94th Division in a surprise attack this morning took over 800 prisoners.

AMERICAN MARINES DRIVE ACROSS SOUTH END OF IWOJIMA

'Super-Forts' Bomb Tokyo Targets And Kuala Lumpur: Japs Use Flame-Throwers In Burma

GUAM, Feb. 20: Admiral Nimitz announces that American marines have driven across the southern end of Iwojima. The Japanese strongpoint at Suribachia Yama has been isolated.

Admiral Nimitz added: The northern flank of the American beachhead is under heavy fire. Allied casualties were light at the initial landing, but as the Japanese crept out of their holes and began a heavy and persistent artillery and mortar bombardment they are mounting. Thousands of reinforcements with artillery support are pouring ashore despite the Japanese barrange which is now extending out over the water.

American forces at the southern end spread over a thousand yards on the south-western shores giving them a pincer hold on either side of Suribachi Yama or Motoyama airfield No. 1. The Firth Marine corps holds about 2½ miles of the south-eastern shores extending northward from the Suribachi Pama volcano.

AMERICAN MARINES SEIZE AIRFIELD

PACIFIC FLEET H. Q.: TUESDAY: American marines have seized a southern airfield at the southern end of Iwojima.

ON BURMA FRONT

AD HQ ALFSEA, Feb. 20.

Today's S. E. A. C. Communique says:

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: Troops of the Chinese First Army are approaching Hsenwi on the Lashio.

In the Myitson sector the British Thirthy-sixth Division has counted over 350 Japanese dead after the failure of the enemy counter-attack reported in yesterday's communique. The Japanese employed concentrated artillery fire and flame-throwers for this attack.

FOURTEENTH ARMY: Extension of the Thirty-third Corps' bridgehead across the Irrawaddy opposite Myinmu has continued in the face of enemy counter-attacks and artillery fire.

Further progress has been made in the Singu bridgehead area north of Mandalay.

LINK UP IN KANGAW AREA

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS: The Kangaw area has been cleared of Japanese and British and Indian troops have linked up with West African forces who moved down the Kaladan valley.

The Irrawaddy oilfield town of Chauk was burned and enemy gun positions strafed yesterday by aircraft of Eastern Air Command. A stores area south of Mandalay was also attacked. Other aircraft bombed strongpoints and a Japanese base in Arakan and hit many rivercraft. Mines were laid in enemy waters.

Jap Aircraft Factory Bombed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.

Twentieth Bomber Command Headquarters announced that Marianas based SUPER-FORTRESSES on Monday bombed Namajima, Mushashino aircraft factory and other industrial targets in Tokyo with good results. Planes were lost by enemy action.

'Super-Forts' From India Do It

LONDON, Feb. 20: The Japanese news agency reported another raid by India-based SUPER-FORTRESSES on targets in Malaya to-day.

The target, it says, was Kuala Lumpur and the raiders which went over in several waves were over the area for over an hour.

Assembly Disapproves Benthall's Plan

"We Must Not Make Railways Into Frankenstein", Says Bhulabhai

The Assembly today passed by 58 votes to 46 the Muslim League Party cut motion to express disapproval of the plan by which railways proposed to take part financially in the running of road services.

The motion sought to refuse the grant of Rs. 82 lakhs provided for the running of lorries by railways.

Sir Yamin Khan, moving it, declared that the policy of Railways operating road transport was a new one which should have been debated in the House, and the views of members obtained before Government ventured on it. If this policy was given effect to, the result would be that the small investor and the one man road transport operation who ran one or two lorries would be ruined, and thousands who found employment in these small scale road services would be deprived of their livelihood. Sir Yamin objected particularly to the refusal to supply new lorries to road transport services, in place of the ones that were requisitioned by Government.

OFFICIAL APOLOGIA.

Sir Kenneth Mitchell, Controller of Road Transport, referred to the constitutional position under which motor transport came under the executive authority of the provinces and everything by way of co-ordination could only be done by the eleven provinces, which, he suggested, meant eleven safeguards against the overriding powers of the Central Government. After the war, Sir Kenneth explained, many thousands of vehicles and lakhs of returned drivers would contribute to the development of motor transport, helped by the plan for road construction. That would lead to competition in which everyone would be hurt, and finally, some kind of rationalisation or amalgamation would become necessary.

As regards the interests of the small owner, Sir Kenneth declared it was not the intention to destroy his livelihood, but railways were prepared to co-operate and find means of adjustment of these people, if they would come in or form combinations with which working arrangements could be made. Co-ordination by some fusion of financial interests was likely to be far more effective and give better service and value for money to the country as a whole than unco-ordinated competition, and in the joint companies, the small operator would become a shareholder.

Sir Fredrick James, European Group stressed four broad principles on which he said the Government of India's transport policy must be determined, firstly, the country's strategic obligations, secondly, the Government of India's policy with regard to industrial (Prof. Ranga and agricultural) development and export trade, thirdly, location of industry and fourthly, the course which the expansion of social services in future was to take.

Sir Fredrick asked three questions of the War Transport Member. Firstly, was it his intention that the transport of goods on long distance routes should be the sole monopoly of railways. If so, Sir Fredrick would join issue with him and urge that road transport ought to be encouraged to operate on equal terms with railways. Secondly, Sir Edward had referred to railway acquiring a commanding or controlling interest in passenger road transport. (Sir Edward intervening said there was no such intention; what was intended was to get a substantial interest). Sir Fredrick said, if so, what were the principles governing the participation of railways in these transport companies? Thirdly, what were the plans to develop the waterways in the country?

SMACKED OF JAP SCHEME

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetty declared that the whole policy was not one of co-ordination, but bore a close resemblance to the co-prosperity scheme of the Japanese. The private bus operator has been asked to surrender his buses for the A.R.P. and no replacements were given to him, and at the same time, instructions had been issued to the regional authorities not to grant permits to private motor services. Mr. Chetty asked that the whole scheme of coordination and the terms to be offered to the private services should be published.

The Railways should not have the power to vary terms from company to company or province to province, nor should new operators be permitted to come into the field. Such power was likely to be used to open a fresh avenue for automobile companies to operate transport services. Was it the intention he asked, to eliminate the country cart traffic from the roads in India?

RAILWAY-CAPITALIST COMBINE?

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed commented on Sir Kenneth Mitchell's statement that the small bus owner could become a shareholder in the amalgamation. That said Sir Ziauddin, was like telling the handloom weaver to give up weaving and purchase a share in the Birla Mills. A share in the mill was no consolation to the weaver who would have lost his livelihood and would have no control over the mill. It seemed to Sir Ziauddin that the railways wanted to make more money by joining hands with the capitalists in the country. The House, he said, should have been given an opportunity to discuss the fundamental issue of the new policy and convince itself that the small investor and the small transport operator would not be eliminated by th's policy.

NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari did not agree that the fact that the Provincial Governments had control over motor transport was a safeguard, because most of these Governments were not representative of the people. He asked these Governments not to take action now which would tie the hands of future Governments. Declaring that the House would do well to condemn the extension of the idea of financial participation of railways in motor transport, Mr. Krishnamachari said if such participation had taken in other countries, it was in conditions under which either the railways were company-owned or an organisation like the inter-State Commerce Commission of the U.S.A. existed to hold the scales even. Here, he asked, what would the railways bring to the operation of road transport except their wooden ideas? They had no expert knowledge to bring to improve road transport.

Mr. Hussainbhoy Lalji supporting the motion declared he would not agree to the new policy, unless all the issues raised by it were discussed in the House and some agreement was reached.

Nawab Siddiq Ali (Moslem League) demanded that people who had carried on the business of road transport so long should not be ousted, nor their employees replaced by men released from the army.

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali (Deputy Leader, Moslem League Party) said members would be failing in their duty, if they voted such a large sum to be spent by Government as it pleased without knowing the details of the scheme. If Government placed the whole scheme before the House and the House approved of it, then the House might sanction this amount and more. As it was, non-official members could not take the responsibility of entrusting Government with large sums of money without knowing how it was to be spent.

BHULABHAI SPEAKS

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Leader of the Opposition supported the motion, which he said was not to be regarded as involving any question of hostility or censure. He recalled how during the discussion of the Motor Vehicles Bill in the House, he had been anxious that the interests of Railways should be protected against reckless competition with other forms of transport. But while the real interests of Railways must be guarded, we must not make railways into a Frankenstein. We must think of the effect that railways produced on rural economy, on bullock cart transport for instance. It had been found in his province that since the Tapti Valley Railway came into existence, half the earnings of bullock cart traffic between Bardoli and Surat had disappeared. So, readjustment of the economy of this country required far more care than had hitherto been bestowed. We must caution ourselves against the prospect of this country being made the dumping ground for lorries and against giving undue importance to industrial development or mechanical progress. He cautioned the Government against repeating the history of the last few years during which Government spokesmen had opposed the non-official demand for the building of locomotives in the country, because they could be obtained twenty per cent cheaper from abroad, but those same spokesmen now recognised that locomotives should be built in India, in order to avert the possibility of the country being left with a railway track and wagons but no engines. Mr. Bhulabhai urged that Government should consider the viewpoint of non-officials in the matter of road transport policy.

Sir Edward Benthall explained that the 82 lakhs to which the cut motion referred was provision not for any post-war transport purposes, but for the provision of lorries and running expenses of lorries on certain roads undertaken in order to relieve congestion during war time. Sir Edward gave some instances of these bus services run by the South Indian Railway and the G.I.P. Railway. These lorries, he pointed out, were either worked departmentally or in some cases run by contractors who were allowed to operate them for railways and were paid on a mileage basis.

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali, interrupting, said he wished that Government had stated the case earlier, instead of at the last moment, when the Opposition were at a disadvantage because they could not verify the statements made.

Sir Edward went on to say that the effect of the cut would be stoppage of the services, which would hamper the movement of supplies and foodstuffs. That, he knew, was not the intention of the motion, but the intention was that the house should discuss policy and make sure that the small man was protected.

He would therefore ask the mover to withdraw the motion.

Sir Yamin Khan did not agree, and the motion was pressed to a division and passed.

Maulvi Muhammad Abdul Ghani moved a cut motion to discuss the paucity of Muslims in Railway Services.

Sir Edward Benthal assured the mover that he would give his personal attention to the matter.

Mr. Abdul Ghani withdrew the motion, and the house adjourned till to-morrow.

Husseinbhoy's Motion Ruled Out

In the Assembly to-day, the Chair ruled out Mr. Hussainbhoy Lalji's adjournment motion to discuss the restriction on the sale in Ahmedabad of matches manufactured by any company except Wimco—a Swedish concern.

Before giving his ruling the Chair asked who had ordered the restriction. Mr. Lalji replied he had received a letter enclosing a copy of an order issued by the District Magistrate of Ahmedabad to this effect.

The President: What is the reason for the order?

Mr. Lalji: There can be no reason except influence exerted by Wimco.

The Commerce Member, Sir Azizul Haque objecting to the motion said that the Central Government had passed no order to restrict the sale of matches of any particular company as alleged in the motion, and if the order was issued by a District Magistrate, he, the speaker, was not responsible for it.

Mr. Lalji said that the order was made applicable to the Cantonment area also, and therefore, the Central Government had a responsibility.

The Chair suggested to the mover to obtain full particulars of the position and held the motion was out of order.

EMIGRE POLES APPLY SCREW

Wages Stopped Of Sailors Supporting Lublin

LONDON, Feb. 20: Fourteen Polish seamen, who have expressed their support of the Lublin Provisional Government in Poland, have had their wages stopped and cannot obtain further employment on Polish ships, because of disagreement between their union and the Polish Government in London, which owns 92 per cent of the country's shipping.

EGYPT ON EVE OF BIG DECISION

CAIRO, Feb. 20.

Ahmed Maher Pasha, Egyptian Prime Minister, today received a number of prominent Egyptian personalities including Sirry Pasha, former Prime Minister.

Similar consultations took place yesterday and usually well-informed political circles believe that a big decision on the part of Egypt is imminent and may be announced within the next few days.—Reuter.

Family Pension Fund Amendment

LONDON, Feb. 20: The Earl of Listowel, Under-Secretary of India, today moved that the Lords should approve of the Government of India (Family Pension Fund)—Amendment Order 1945. He also moved an amendment, which, he said, would make it perfectly plain that the large powers of the trustees of these funds would not extend beyond first mortgages. The amendment was agreed to and the order approved.

The Government of India (Governors' allowances and Privileges)—Amendment Order 1945 was also moved by the Earl of Listowel and approved without a discussion.—Reuter.

Tokyo In Pan-American Air Route

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20: Tokyo is designated as a way station on a proposed air line route between the United States and China in an application by the Pan-American Airways filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board. The Pan-American Vice President Mr. Harold Bixby said that the airline planned to fly the Pacific with 108-passenger land-planes that should make a trip between the United States and China in 32 hours. The Civil Aeronautics Board this week is hearing the applications of five United States airlines for the establishment of post-war air service across the Pacific and will draw up a report of recommendations at the conclusion of the hearings.

Chinese Ambassador Meets Eden

LONDON, Feb. 20: Mr. Anthony Eden today arranged to see the Chinese Ambassador. He also saw M. Mikolajczyk former Polish Premier and M. Romer former Polish Foreign Minister, and the new Syrian Minister in London Mr. Armanazi.

TOWARDS ARAB LEAGUE

Cairo, Feb. 20: Delegates from various Arab countries meeting here to draft the constitution of the proposed Arab League held another two-hour Conference to-day. It is stated that they would meet again to-morrow.

Sanatanist Opposition To Codification Of Hindu Law

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 20: The Rau Committee met for its final sitting in Allahabad yesterday and examined about a dozen persons in connection with the proposed Hindu Code. Two ladies from Benares, Shrimati Vidyadevi and Shrimati Sundari Bai representing the Shri Arya Mahila Hitkarni Mahaparishad (All-India Sanatanist Ladies Association) who also appeared before the Committee opposed the proposals for divorce and simultaneous inheritance of father's property by daughters along with sons. The very idea of codification of the Hindu Law by Government was unacceptable to them. —A. P.

Wakf Act To Be Amended

To prevent unscrupulous mutawallis of wakfs escaping certain enquiries under the Mussalman Wakf Act, the Bombay Government proposes to amend that Act. The amendment would give the courts jurisdiction to decide, when the existence of a wakf itself is denied, whether the wakf exists and whether it is a wakf to which the Act applies.

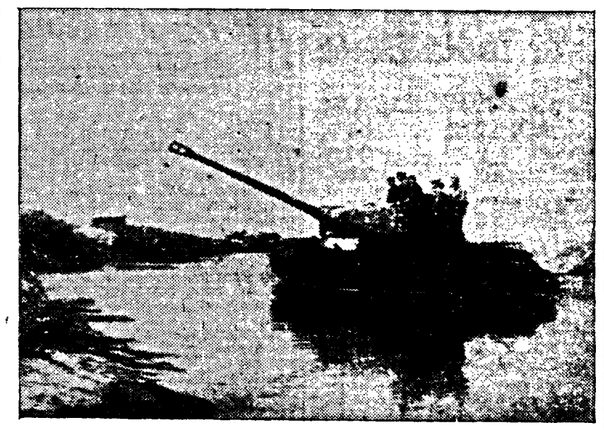
The draft of the Amending Bill is published in the "Bombay Government Gazette" dated February 19. It will be taken into consideration by the Government on or after March 25, and objections or suggestions received by the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, by that date will be considered.

MR. M. S. ANEY

POONA, Feb. 20: Mr. M. S. Aney, Government of India's Agent-General in Ceylon, has been elected President of the Executive Committee of the Poona Vedic Research Institute. The Institute which is devoted to the study and publication of Vedic literature, has, at present, undertaken the publication of Rigveda with Sayan's commentary and its fourth volume is now in the press.—United Press.

LADY MOUNTBATTEN'S ROUNDS IN CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20: To-day Lady Louis Mountbatten visited a Combined Military Hospital, a British Troops Convalescent Hostel an R. A. F. General Hospital and Sick Quarters, a Government House Work party and the headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Nursing Divisions.



The Stalin tank now being used in the great Russian drive on the Eastern Front. According to German sources the tank weighs approximately 50 tons, has a 122 mm. gun, three machine guns and armour roughly 4" thick. Picture shows: One of the tanks fording a river.

PURSE TO J. K. MEHTA

Indian Merchants' Chamber Secretary For Thirty-Seven Years

The public services extending over nearly four decades, of Mr. J. K. Mehta, Secretary of the Indian Merchants' Chamber will be appreciated by the public presentation of a purse to him today at the Taj Mahal Hotel.

After taking his M. A. degree from the Elphinstone College in the year 1905, Mr. J. K. Mehta joined the Indian Merchants' Chamber as its first Secretary in 1907, in the year in which the Chamber was started. He has thus been the Secretary of the Chamber for the last 37 years.

During the last war, Mr. Mehta's services were lent, for a short period, to the Indian Munitions Board, Government of India, as an Assistant Controller.

He was also the Secretary of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry for the year 1927 and 1928; he was also the Secretary of the Indian National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce for some years.

He organised the First Commercial Congress in Bombay in 1915, and was the working Secretary of the Indian Industrial and Commercial Congress which held five Sessions between the period 1919 and 1927. In 1927, the Congress was converted into a permanent organisation, viz. the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

He took initiative in organising Chambers of Commerce in different centres.

He attended the International Labour Conference in Geneva both in the year 1921 and 1930 as Advisor to the Indian Employers' Delegate. On both the occasions, he also toured the Continent and utilised the opportunity to study the working of the various Chambers of Commerce in European countries.

He was very prominently connected with the Currency League of India, and in fact with all movements of a quasi-public character connected with various commercial reforms. He was responsible for organising many public meetings for furthering commercial causes.

AN ACTIVE SOCIAL WORKER.

His interest, however, was not confined to commerce and industry. He was very actively connected with social work. He was the working Secretary of the Famine Relief Fund as also the Gujerat Flood Relief Fund. He took a keen interest in the Harijan Movement and was the Chairman of the Bombay Provincial Board of the Harijan Sevak Sangh till recently. He is also a member of the Backward Class Board appointed by the Government of Bombay.

He was very actively associated with civic work also and was the President of the Santa Cruz Notified Area Committee for a number of years, and when Santa Cruz municipal unit was merged with Bandra, he later on became a member of the

MR. J. K. MEHTA

Bandra Municipality and was its Vice-President for some time.

M. L. A.

He took a leading part in the politics of the country during the decade 1920-30. For a long time he was the President of the Suburban Congress Committee. In 1924, he was elected to the Bombay Legislative Council, representing the Swaraj Party, although later on he had to relinquish his seat on the Legislature on some technical ground.

He was connected with various social and educational movements and took an active interest in securing to deserving students the necessary facilities and opportunities to prosecute their studies. He is a devoted student of contemporary philosophy. He takes an active part in religious discussions and study circles. He is a good writer both in English and Gujerati, and has to his credit several articles in both the languages. He is also the author of some interesting books of a high literary order in Gujerati.

U. S. NEGRO CONGRESS OFFICIAL GREETS INDIAN PEOPLES' THEATRE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20: The Secretary of the National Negroes Congress of America, now on a visit to India in a message to the Central Squad of the Indian People's Theatre Association of Bombay which has been giving a series of performances in Calcutta says: "We are confident that Indian Independence from the British rule will be won through the unity for which you now struggle and with the support of all freedom-loving peoples, and that a free democratic India will take her place in the comity of nations."

The message adds that American radio, screen and stage artists would be pleased to learn more of "your heroic efforts to preserve India's rich cultural heritage in the midst of famine and would be anxious to lend practical aid to this undertaking."—A. P.

THREE CONSTABLES KILLED

Another Also Dies In Lorry Collision

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20.

Three police constables and another were killed and ten others injured as a result of a collision between a police lorry and another lorry on Monday evening in the Grand Trunk Road near the Kharda Police Station. The injured were taken to hospital and the police lorry driver had a miraculous escape.—United Press.

Substitute Cartels And Monopolies With Free Enterprise

NEW YORK: A belief that Britain will be the chief Trade rival of America in post-war period was expressed by Mr. Eric Jhonston the American Business Chief and the President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaking in New York the other day.

"Britain has certain markets which have always been hers and will continue to be after the war", he said.

"We in America want Britain to be prosperous, for she is part of the world", he went on. "But", he added, "We Americans sincerely hope that British trade with South America and the rest of the world will not be through cartels or monopolies but through free enterprise"—India Press Service.

RED ARMY AND ALLIES WILL JOIN IN NORTH-WEST GERMANY

Commentator Max Werner, writing in "Reynolds' News", says: "Every mile of Germany's strategic borders from Koenigsberg to Rotterdam is threatened to-day.

"The Crimea declaration announced an imminent offensive from the North. This means that a fourth front is in formation. In present conditions, with the last German reserves dispersed, Germany has no adequate land, air or sea forces to prevent Allied landings on her North Sea coasts.

"The junction of the northern wings of the Red Army with Eisenhower's forces will occur somewhere in north-western Germany, possibly accelerated by an Allied attack from the north to complete the encirclement of Germany."—Globe.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20: Mr. Sachchidanand Bhattacharya, a business magnate of Calcutta, died this morning. The deceased was connected with several industrial and banking concerns.—United Press.

CHEAPEST MEDICAL RELIEF FOR VILLAGES

Mahatma Wants Various Systems Of Medicine To Strive Their Best, Says Dr. Jivraj Mehta

WARDHA, Feb. 20.

An indication of Gandhiji's desire in respect of medical relief in rural areas under the Kasturba National Memorial Fund Scheme was given by Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Chairman of the Advisory Medical Board of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund, in his opening address at the Board's meeting yesterday. Dr. Mehta laid stress on two points which were dear to Gandhiji's heart, that all medical relief under the scheme should be fully in rural areas and that the various systems of medicine should strive to bring to the villagers cheapest remedies possible and obtainable in village environment. The Sevagram Ashram would conduct a model maternity and a child welfare centre in Sevagram and it was Gandhiji's wish, he added, that the progress of this centre should be studied before such institutions were started in other rural areas.

The Board then took up the question of procedure to be adopted by it for the work before it. The Board framed certain rules for the conduct of its meetings and for the work before it after Dr. Sushila Nayar had given a brief resume of the rural medical work in Sevagram. The Board also took up for consideration a draft scheme for maternity and child welfare training centres which was previously circulated to the members.

NEW TYPE OF VILLAGE MEDICAL WORKERS

After a lengthy discussion the scheme was adopted with various changes and amendments. The principal features of the scheme may be summarised as follows:

Maternity and child welfare training centre should serve the villages in an area of five miles radius or of a population of 15,000 to 20,000. Those selected for the training should as far as possible come from villages. The training given should fit a candidate not only for midwifery work but also to be of some real nursing and medical assistance to village women and children when not engaged in maternity work. The idea was, therefore, to create a new type of village medical workers.

NINE SUB-COMMITTEES

As many as nine sub-committees were set up to report to the Board by March 31 on the variety of matters connected with the work of the Board. The first sub-committee will deal with three months' course in the child welfare work. The second sub-committee was appointed to prepare detailed syllabus for the training of village medical workers. The third sub-committee was asked to draw up the syllabus for training of general nurses. The fourth was set up to work out proposals for balanced diet suited to the villages. The fifth was for the purpose of framing a scheme of work in regard to village sanitation and anti-malaria works. The sixth sub-committee was authorised to suggest cheap remedies available for village medical work. The seventh sub-committee was authorised to prepare a syllabus of the courses for health visitors and sanitary inspectors suitable for village conditions. The eighth will prepare pamphlets for publication on maintenance of normal health and regarding the various habits of the people affecting their health. The ninth sub-committee consisting of three members of the Board was authorised to get into touch with various missionary organisations already doing rural medical work with a view to obtaining data of their experience and to find out how far they could be utilised to train workers under the Board.

Mahatma Gandhi who attended the sittings of the Board spoke to the members for a few minutes emphasising the need for various schools of medicine to evolve a common plan for village medical relief.

The next meeting of the Board was fixed for the first week of May in Bombay.—United Press.

FRONTIER LEADERS SEE GANDHIJI

SEWAGRAM, Feb. 20.

Messrs. Meherchand Khanna, the Frontier Congress Assembly Party Secretary, A. Rahim, Deputy Leader, and Gulkhan, President of the Frontier Provincial Congress Committee, interviewed Gandhiji for the third time last evening when the Frontier situation was again discussed. They left for Delhi this morning.

Frontier Congressmen have decided to convene a conference in the middle of March to which Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Miss Mridula Sarabhai and Dr. Syed Mahmud have been invited.

TANDON FOR WARDHA

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 20: Persons from Allahabad who have been invited to attend the meeting of the Hindustan Prachar Samiti to be held at Wardha on February 26 and 27 under the presidentship of Mahatma Gandhi include Mr. Purshotamdas Tandon, Pt. Sunderlal, Dr. Tarachand, Mr. Bishamber Nath Pande, Thakur Sri Nathsingh, Mrs. Purnima Banerji and Dr. Abdul of the Anjuman-e-Tereqqi Urdu.

Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon is expected to leave for Wardha on February 22.—A. P.

KIDWAI MADE CARE AND ATTENTION

Condition Of His Heart May Go From Bad To Worse Says Dr. Atal

LUCKNOW, Feb. 19.

Dr. M. Atal, Leader of the Congress Medical Mission to China, who was released from jail on January 12 has addressed a letter to Sir Tennant Sloan, Adviser to the Governor U. P. (Home) concerning the health of some of his colleagues who are still in jail and whose condition in his opinion is such as to require special attention.

In regard to Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Dr. Atal wrote "I had occasion to see him more than once when he was in Lucknow Central Jail Hospital. He was, in my opinion suffering from serious heart disease which required very careful observation and treatment.

I think he should be kept at King George Hospital, Lucknow, where not only expert medical advice is available but also various laboratory and X-Ray examinations can be carried out at a moment's notice as need for them arises.

I fear if Mr. Kidwai's case is not handled with great care and attention the condition of his heart may go from bad to worse with unfortunate consequences".—A. P.

WHEN ARE DETENUS RELEASED

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20: Khan Bahadur Mohammad Ali, Parliamentary Secretary, informed the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day in reply to a question that a general review of all cases of political prisoners was constantly being made by Government in consultation with the Security Advisers and persons whose continued detention was no longer considered necessary were being released.

A Government spokesman detailed the steps taken by Government to remove beggars in Calcutta.

DESTITUTES' STATISTICS.

He said that 2468 vagrants had been arrested and detained, from whom 899 had died, 284 repatriated and 335 discharged.

Earlier, the Revenue Minister, in reply to a question, said that in the three reception centres of Calcutta 2,608 destitutes were awaiting repatriation by the end of October last. Of these 1,183 were adult males, 691 adult females and 734 children.—A. P.

CONGRESS WORKERS RELEASED

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 19: Mr. Venkat Rao, a prominent Congress worker of Pratapgarh, has been released from the Fyzabad District Jail after two and a half years' detention.—A. P.

RELEASED ON PAROLE

SHOLAPUR, Feb. 20: Dr. Antrolikar, a Congress M.L.A., who was detained since 1942 was released yesterday on parole for one month from the Nasik Jail on account of his mother's illness. He arrived here by the night train.—United Press.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market continued its upward trend with regard to coals, jutes and the speculative engineering issues and a good deal of buying took place. Other sections also ruled steady. Government securities were unchanged.

Following are to-day's final transactions upto 3 p.m.

Government Securities: Three per cent Victory Bonds 1957 99/12; three per cent Loan 1951/54 100/9 s lots; three per cent Loan 1963/65 98/14; three per cent Loan 1966/68 96/6 s lot; three and half per cent Government Paper 99/10; five per cent Loan 1945/55 102/12.

Bank: Hindustan Commercial Bank 6; Reserve Bank 132/8.

Cotton: Benares Cotton 12/4; Cawnpore Textiles 13/10; Bengal Nagpur 42/8; Kesoram 16/10.

Coals: Amalgamated 51/8; Bengal 687; Bhalgora 18/12; Bokaro and Ramgur 49/2; Burra Dhemo 13; Churulia 5/12; Burrakur 42/5; East Indian 35/6; Equitable 66/12; Khas Kajora 42/8; Nazira 20/9; New Beerbhoom 39/2; North Damuda 16/12; New Churulia 12/9; Raneegunge 51; Satpukuria and Asansol 11/3; Searsole 13/4; Talcher 12/9; South Kanrapura 29/7; West Jamuria 59 et.

Jutes: Anglo-India 469; Auckland 342; Bally 360; s o l; Champdany 262; Cheviot 309; Ganges 560; Gouripore 872; Howrah 84/14; Kamarhatty 687; Kanknarrah 583; Orient 23; Alliance 615; Barnagore 219/8; Budge Budge 493; India 702; New Central 603 s lot; Nuddea 128/8; Reliance 73/6; Presidency 12/8.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn. 5/8; Indian Copper 3/2; Karanpura Development 33; Dalmia Cement 17/7; Braithwaite and Co. 12/14; B. Elec Corns 19/14; Burn and Co. 410; Indian Iron 39/8; Jessop and Co. 24/8; Kumardhubi Eng. 11/13; National Iron 12/11; Steel Corpn. 32/14; Bararee Coke 34/4; B. I. Corpn. 6/12; National Insulated Cable 14/4; Rohtas Industries 17; India Paper Pulp 233; Midnapore Zemindary 173; India General Navgn. 190;

Sugars: Belsund 16/8; Champaran 38/8; Murree 28; New Savan 27/7; Ramnugger Cane 15/13; Raza 41/8; Teas: Loobah 17; Singell 108/8; Teloijan 14/5; Tumsong 84/12.

INDORE MARKET QUOTATION

INDORE, Feb. 19.

(Messrs. Gangadhar Waman and Co., Indore.)

SHARES: Indore Malwa Rs. 600, Hukumchand Rs. 896, Bhandari Rs. 800, Malwa Card Bord Rs. 12, Bank of Indore Rs. 78.

BULLION: Gold Bar per tola Rs. 77, Silver Ready 126, Silver Forward Rs. 123, Nazrana Re. 3, Gall Rs. 1/12.

Market steady.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.

CALICUT, Feb. 20.

Cocoanuts Raw Rs. 910, Dry Rs. 80, Cocoanut Oil Rs. 855, Copra Coffee Rs. 212/8, Dilpasand Rs. 220, Madrasnottam Rs. 220, 5507 5501 Rs. 223/8, Pepper Wynaad Rs. 375, Country Rs. 360, Dry Ginger Chernad Rs. 275, Ernad Rs. 265 Coffee Robusta Rs. 90.

HAPUR MARKET QUOTATIONS.

HAPUR, Feb. 20.

Silver Rs. 125/4, Gold Rs. 72, undertone extremely steady on active coverings and higher Bombay advices Bardana Chet Rs. 55/8, Quiet Guwar Balshak Rs. 5/14, Steady Wheat Rs. 9/12, Stock 440, Khatha Gram Rs. 8/1/6, Barley Rs. 6/12, Peas Rs 5/15/6, Bajra Rs. 6, Gur Rs. 8/8 to Rs. 8/14. Unsteady on poor demand arrivals 4,500 mds. Urad Rs. 13/5, Moong Rs. 10/4, Arhar Rs. 7/4.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET.

SABKHEJI, Feb. 20.

The share market ruled firm on active short covering and scattered general buying influenced by higher Bombay advices.

Following are closing quotations:—

Calico 1,437; Ambika 503; Arvindas Spinning 400; Ashok 550; Arvind 1,510; Anil Starch 603/12/0; Kaisare Hind 252/8/0; Jupiter 265; New Cotton 512/4/0, New Commercial 727/8/0; New Jahangir 1,345; Behari 267/8/0; Morris Transport 150/8/0; Maredon 197; Monogram 169; Raipur 1,510; Rohit 380; Vijay 476/4/0; Vivekanand 260; Shorrok 84; Saraspur 603.

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Zafrullah Warns Against Dilatoriness Over India Issue

FUTURE OF WORLD PEACE DEPENDS ON THIS VITAL PROBLEM

Situation Must Not Be Allowed To Deteriorate Further, He Appeals

LONDON, Feb. 20.

A strong appeal for a solution of the Indian problem was made by Chaudhuri Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan when he replied to the toast "delegates from overseas" proposed by Viscount Astor at a dinner to the delegates to the British Commonwealth Relations Conference to-night.

Sir Mohammad Zafrulla Khan said "Believe me, issues far more momentous and vital for future peace and civilisation hang upon the solution of this problem than is perhaps being appreciated at the moment.

The attitude of His Majesty's Government appears to be that they having announced a policy regarding India it is now up to India to make the next move.

Failing such a move is Britain released from all further liability concerning India? In the interests of the United Kingdom itself in the interests of the Commonwealth and in interest of world peace and security, the situation must not be permitted to deteriorate any further.

The strains and stresses imposed by the war have not prevented Britain from making big strides in many directions. She has not been too timid to tackle tremendous and intricate problems of social security at home.

In foreign relations she has struggled through to an understanding with the United States and what is more satisfactory, with Russia. Is Britain content to accept defeat only in the case of India."

After describing how the Cripps proposals had failed to resolve the "Indian dealock" Sir Mohammad Zafrulla Khan continued, "May I appeal to you who are gathered here from all parts of the Commonwealth to bring constructive minds to bear on this proble that when victory is achieved the Indian question may also have been settled.

Would it not be feasible for His Majesty's Government to announce that it would be prepared to implement any agreed settlement put up on behalf of India within one year from the cessation of hostilities against Japan, but failing such a settlement His Majesty's Government would place before Parliament itself proposals concerning the future constitution of India designed to place India on a footing of complete equality with the dominions".—Reuter.

CONSUMERS' INTEREST TO GET PRIOR CONSIDERATION

Industrial Committee's Scheme To Distribute Cloth

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 20.

In furtherence to my query to the prominent industrialist Sheth Kasturbhai, he said the cloth consumption of Ahmedabad proper is estimated at about two crore yards per year, while production of Ahmedabad mills is 120 crore yards. All India production of cloth was 480 crore yards for the year 1944. He further stated the Textile Control Board is tackling the cloth problem. It is evident that mills do not encourage black-marketing in cloth, either directly or indirectly, but, however, the consumer does not get cloth at a fixed rate. For the solution of this problem the Industrial Committee has prepared a scheme and if Government approves the consumer will not have any difficulty in obtaining cloth at the scheduled rate.

In regard to merits and demerits of the Government scheme he said: Some provincial Governments suggested distribution of cloth through selected merchants. If this system is adopted it is likely that influencial men may be sole distributors of cloth and the trade of traditional merchants may be set at naught. If in this way the traditional merchants' trade is set at naught the whole cloth trade may be paralyzed.

71ST BIRTHDAY OF P. B. GANPULE

Maharajah Of Morvi To Preside Over Celebration

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The friends and admirers of Mr. P. B. Ganpule, well-known Industrialist in the Ceramic line in Kathiawar, have decided to celebrate his 71st birthday anniversary on Wednesday, 28th of February 1945, at Morvi under the presidentship of H. H. the Maharajah Saheb of Morvi.

A purse of a lakh of Rupees earmarked for educational purposes is intended to be presented to Mr. Ganpule on this occasion. Scholarships for learning pottery and glass work will be offered to suitable persons.

His biography written by Prof. C. V. Joshi a well-known writer will be published at this function.

The programme will consist also of the presentation of an address, light refreshments and entertainment.

Dr. Mukherji At Benares

BENARES, Feb. 20.

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, President of the Hindu Mahasabha who arrived here yesterday, presided over the Science College Day celebrations of the Hindu University and addressed a meeting of the University Arya Samajists.

Dr. Mukherjee was presented with an address of welcome by the Benares Municipal Board at the Town Hall this morning.

He leaves for Calcutta by the Toofan Express to-day.—A. P.

20-Lakh Scheme Of Annamalai University

CHIDAMBARAM, Feb. 20.

Scheme for the organisation of various technological and engineering courses by the Annamalai University has been received by the University authorities. The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 20,00,000, with an annual recurring expenditure of Rs. 3,00,000. The Government of Madras is understood to have promised the University a grant of Rs. 10,00,000, and an annual recurring grant of Rs. 2,00,000 towards the whole scheme.—A. P.

Air Training At Annamalai

CHIDAMBARAM, Feb. 18.

It is understood that the Government of Inda have sanctioned the establishment of an Indian Air Training corps at the Annamalai University which is expected to be inaugurated shortly by the Air Headquarters, India.—A. P.

DRIVE TO END BROTHELS

43 Houses Of Ill-Fame Closed Down

CALCUTTA Feb. 19.

The Bengal Government has launched a drive to close down brothels in Calcutta, under the suppression of the Immoral Traffic Act.

Enquiries show that on January 31st 121 houses of ill-fame had been declared 'disorderly', with a total population of 1,316 women—14 foreigners 103 Anglo-Indians and 1,199 Indians. Of these 43 houses have actually closed down, 21 others were reported to be disobeying orders and are now in the process of being prosecuted. The remaining are lying dormant.

The Anglo-Indian women dispersed throughout the city. The foreign element went to Bombay. Some of the Indian women hailing from outside provinces have gone back to their homes. Some others have removed to other places in the city.—A. P.

Fancy Bazar In Parle

(From Our Correspondent.)

VILE PARLE, Feb. 19.

The student section of the Vile Parle Gujerati Mandal organised a successful Fancy Bazar yesterday in the Mandal's Grounds on Shraddhanand Road before a large gathering. Paper flowers, toys, sweets made at home and the like were put in neatly arranged stalls besides other articles of domestic use.

The Phatak Industrial Institute of Andheri also took part in the Exhibition.

Sheth Sankalchand G. Shah who presided over the gathering made a speech in the course of which he commended the work of the young students who participated in the show.

Prizes in cash and books were awarded to the students and Mr. Shah announced a donation of Rs. 1,000 towards the construction of the Mandal's building.

Indian Visitors For Cairo

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20: The party of Indian newspaper editors visiting Indian Army units in the Middle East left for Cairo this morning by road across the Sinai Desert after spending a crowded 36 hours in Palestine sight seeing the holy places. Among the functions were the inauguration of an Indian Troops Hostel in Jerusalem and meeting local journalists.

They hope to visit the Italian front and Greece and expect to return to India by the middle of March.—Reuter.

Indo-Australian Goodwill To Grow In Post-War Years

Indian Businessmen State Expectations At Adelaide

ADELAIDE, Feb. 19: "Australia's industrial effort is far greater than is realised in India", said Mr. Ramratan Gupta, M.L.A., when addressing a meeting of the combined councils of the Chambers of Commerce and Manufactures and the Committee of the Export Development Group today.

Mr. Gupta said that the programme for the mission's tour had been arranged to create the widest possible contacts in the shortest time.

Already it was apparent that Australian and Indian production was complementary and he was confident that both countries were destined to be very close.

The main theme of all the speakers was a potential close alliance between India and Australia, particularly in view of Indian development plans. Mr. Neville Wadia, explaining the implications of the Bombay plan, said "I feel quite certain that Australia will come forward to give a helping hand, because for peace in this part of the world. The peoples of Asia must improve their standard of living."

Mr. S. P. Jain illustrated the ignorance of Australian conditions prevailing in India by confessing his reluctance to make the journey when the mission was first mooted. Though he had only been in the country one week he already considered himself amply repaid.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT

Mr. Jain gave a large amount of practical advice to potential exporters. He believed Indian village shopkeepers could tackle canned fruit and food provided the cost was reduced by bulk packings of quantities such as small shop-keepers could sell in one day. Australia's wheat shipments during the famine and the invitation for the present mission had created a reservoir of goodwill. He believed the nationals of both countries should participate in creating shipping, banking and insurance facilities for Indo-Australian trade.

Mr. Jain believed that direct shipping services were needed for perishable goods. Australian capital goods would be needed in India for a number of decades.

The mission lunched with Ministers of the South Australian Government at Parliament House and later visited a Fertiliser Factory where they saw up-to-date processes for producing artificial manures, which Australia like India badly needs. During the weekend the Mission went on a day's tour of the wine country north of Adelaide and were entertained by leading growers, many of whose wines are already familiar in India.—Reuter.

Berlin Water Line Hit By Air Raid

Hundreds Drowned, Reichsbank And Dresdener Bank Damaged

ZURICH (U. P.), Feb. 19: Travellers from Berlin report that the last United States Air Corps raid on the German capital destroyed the Reichsbank, the Dresdener Bank and heavily damaged a station where three underground routes cross crashed through three concrete ceilings and exploded in a crowded landing killing many people.

At another place a watermain was hit by a bomb which flooded a public shelter drowning hundreds.

Eyewitnesses told of seeing in the streets many carbonized corpses burnt by phosphorous bombs which are called "dolls" by the Berliners because when they are completely shrunk, they look like small charcoal puppets.—United Press of America.

Schacht Not In Switzerland

ZURICH, Monday.

It is officially stated tonight that the former President of the Reichsbank, Dr. Schacht is not in Switzerland.—Reuter.

15 On Trial For Assisting German Propaganda

SOFIA, Feb. 19.

The trial of the Bulgarians who assisted German propaganda by visiting Katyn Woods and Vinitza in 1943 and certifying to the Alleged Russian murder of more than 12,000 Polish officer-prisoners, began in the Peoples' Court in Sofia today.

Fifteen people are on trial including professors, physicians and journalists who gave publicity to the story.—Reuter.

Hitler Youth Staff Chief Dies In Accident

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The German Radio reports that the chief of staff of Hitler Youth, Helmut Moeckel has met with a fatal accident while on duty in the west.—Reuter.

Another Dead Body Under Debris

CALCUTTA, Feb. 29

The dead body of a woman was found to-day under the debris of the four-storied building which collapsed, as a result of an explosion of fire in Upper Chitpore Road, on Friday last.

About half the debris has been cleared while a portion of the house considered unsafe and which still remains standing is to be demolished.—A. P.

DE GAULLE FORESHADOWED WAR IN 1934

PARIS: The first two books published in France since the liberation are the reprints of Gen Charles De Gaulle's books "Edge of the Sword" and "Towards a Professional Army". These books were written by De Gaulle in 1934, when he was a Major. At that time the books passed virtually unnoticed although they foreshadowed with remarkable accuracy the possibilities of machinised warfare. The German Generl Staff, it is reported, paid more attention to the books than did the French General Staff.—India Press Service.

Govt. Offices In Kohima Re-open

JORHAT (Assam), Feb. 19.

Government offices in Kohima, which was the scene of some of the severest fighting last year, are re-opening after about eleven months. The Government High School will re-open by March 1.—A.P.

Mysore Ruler's Two Lakhs Gift For Servicemen

BANGALORE, Feb. 20: Two lakhs of rupees will be spent to provide hospital and other amenities for Indian and British servicemen both Army and Air Force men, in Mysore State.

This is the result of a personal request by the Maharaja of Mysore who recently donated Rupees 10 lakhs to the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 20: Syed Badruddoza, M.L.A., (Bengal) has accepted the presidentship of the third annual session of the All-Religious Conference to be held in Delhi on April 13, 14 and 15.—United Press.

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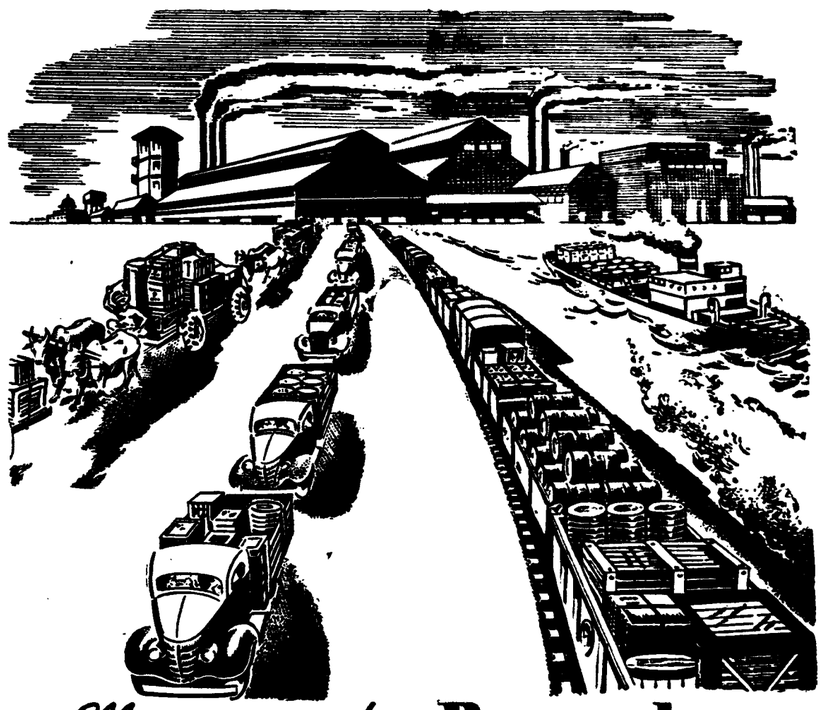

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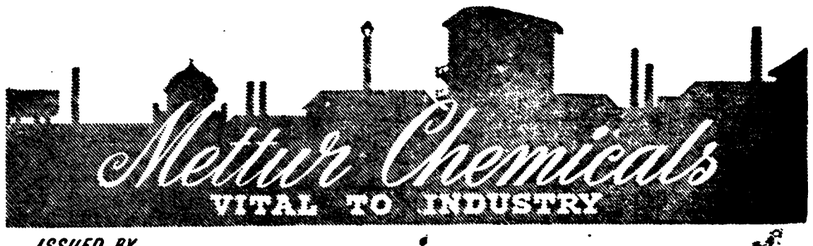

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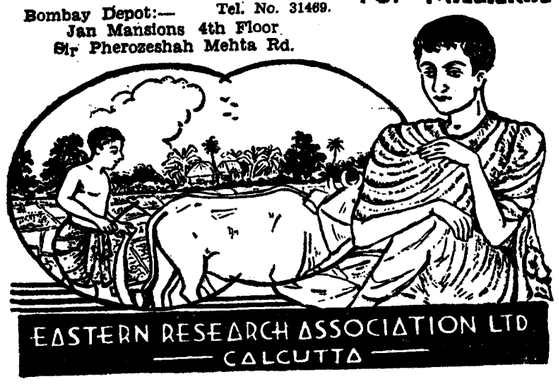

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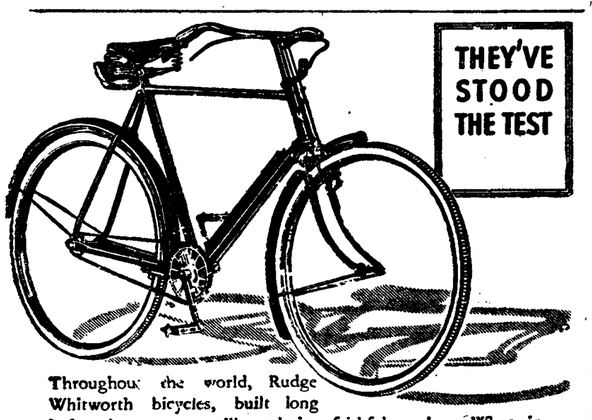

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Textile Shares Resume Upward March

GOLD AND SILVER LOOK UP

Cotton Remains Dull

BOMBAY, February 20.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was very steady with renewed buying as the Budget is not likely to be unfavourable and war looks like continuing for some time. Moreover air raids on Japan are likely to demolish Japanese industries. All these factors imparted better feeling on the market where Steel and Textile shares recorded good improvement. Tata Steel Dfds. gained Rs. 25/- and Bombay Dyeings Rs. 34/- Associated Cements met increased selling on flotation of a new Cement Company and declined Rs. 3/8 at Rs. 233/-.

Under speculative manipulation the Bullion market ruled firm with active buying and forced short covering prices moved up rapidly but now in the absence of any important short interest, it remains to be seen how the game is played further.

Cotton market remained dull and depressed but is expected to free movement from tomorrow after settlement of options.

Bombay, Feb. 20.

The Share Bazar was very steady to-day with renewed buying. The market generally believes that the Budget will not be unfavourable as taxation limit is reached and there is no room for further increase. The belief induced moderate replacement buying and sellers were cautious. However the market is not likely to make a definite big move before the Budget. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2147 and advanced to Rs. 2160. At this level there appeared some realising and quotation reacted to Rs. 2155 but replacement support soon developed and Defds improved to Rs. 2165. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 400 and moved up to Rs. 403. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1797 and hardened to Rs. 1810. Kohinoor Mill shares were very steady at Rs. 608.

The market ruled very steady with a steady flow of buyers. Tata Steel Defds improved to Rs. 2170 and Ordinary shares improved to Rs. 405, while Bombay Dyeings were placed at Rs. 1817.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

BOMBAY, Feb. 20.

MILLS

Apollo 4/2 4/3/3 4/2/3 4/3
Bharat 63, 63/8, 63/4.
B. Dyeing 1787/8, 90, 88/12, 90, 97/8, 93/12, 97/8, 95, 1805, 1798/12, 1803/12, 1796/4, 1812/8, 3/12, 18/12.
Central India (Ord.) 388, 87, 91/8, 88/8, 92, 90, 92/8.
Century 917/8, 20.
Colaba 219, 21, 18, 20.
Edward 812/8, 7/8.
Elphinstone (Ord.) 87.
Elphinstone (Pref.) 123/12.
Finlay 309, 10, 7/8, 11.
Gokak 300, 303, 1/8.
India United Defd. 3/2/6, 3/2/3, 3/3.
India United Ordy. 15, 15/2, 15, 15/2.
Indore Malwa 890, 95, 91/4, 702/8, 695, 98/12.
Khatau 335.
Kohinoor 603, 2, 5, 4, 9, 5, 9, 7, 12.
Luxmi Cotton 1302/8, 5.
Meyer 216/4, 17/8, 16/14.
Minerva 255.
Model 255, 57/8.
Morarjee 680, 75, 77/8, 72/8, 75, 70, 71/4.
New City 400.
New Great 393, 97, 96, 99/8, 97/8, 99.
Simplex 260/8, 71, 67, 71, 70, 74.
Podar 330.
Rajabhadur Poona 126/4.
Sholapur 7580.
Shrinivas 353/12.
Swadeshi 538, 41, 40, 41, 39, 44.
Swan 328, 27, 28.
Tata Mills 68/8, 69.
Vishnu 462/8.

BANKS:

Baroda 141/8.
Central 81/8, 81/12, 81/4.
Imperial (Old) 1972/8.
Imperial (New) 491/4.
India 193/4.
National Savings (F.P.) 79/8.
National Savings (F.P.) 39/12.
Reserve 133/8, 34.

ELECTRIC COS:

Ahmedabad 208/12 (Ex. Div.)
Andhra Valley 1790, 87/8.
Tram (Ord.) 148/8, 48, 48/8.
Tram (Pref.) 70, 69/8.
Karachi 231/4.
Hydro (Ord.) 203/8.
Power (Ord.) 1880, 82/8, 80, 85, 82/8.

INSURANCE COS:

Empire 1275.
Indian Mercantile 70.
New India 80/12, 81/4, 81.
Bombay Steam 570.
Scindia 34/8, 34/10, 34/7, 34/10.
Jam Wire 142/8.
Tata Steel Defd. 2150, 45, 50, 47/8, 62/8, 52/8, 60, 52/8, 60, 57/8, 65, 53/12, 62/8, 60, 65.
Tata Steel Ord. 400, 399, 402, 1/8, 4, 3, 4/8, 2, 5.
Tata Steel 1st Pref. 225/10.
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. 160/4, 60.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 438/12, 37/8.
A. Cement 235/8, 34/8, 36/12, 31/8, 33, 32, 32/12.
Belapur 226, 25, 26, 25/8.
Burmah (Old) 546/4.
Burmah (New) 205.
B. B. Petrol 5/5/6, 5/5/9.
Indian Bleaching 174.
I. I. Trust 124/8.
P. Construction (Ord. 220, 21, 20, 20/8.
P. Construction (2nd Pref.) 139.
Shivrajpur 56.
Tata Chemical Ord. 21/4, 21/6.
Tata Oil 70/8, 71, 70/12.
Western India 328/12.
4 per cent. Andhra Valley Debns. 107/11, 107/13.
Surat Electr. Pref. 193/12.

GOLD & SILVER

Fresh Outburst Of Buying

The local Bullion Market was again strong to-day on a fresh outburst of buying and quotations were pushed up sharply. This rise enables the Bank also to realise better price for both Gold and Silver.

The Reserve Bank of India sold to-day 300 bars Silver at Rs. 125/12/- to Rs.125/13/- and 12,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 72/3/- to Rs. 72/4/-.

Bears were again short caught in Silver and they had to transfer their unprotected short interest at a discount of rupee one. This is an additional loss beyond the advance on quotations. It appears that week after week bears are paying heavy losses while professionals who have control over ready stock are operating in various up-country markets. As a matter of fact professional operators are virtual dictators and they have a good following base on inflation theory.

The forward market opened to-day at Rs. 72/- for gold and quickly advanced to Rs. 72/11/- and steadied at Rs. 72/9/- while ready Gold was placed at Rs. 72/15/-.

Trading in forward Silver commenced at Rs. 125/12/- and under active professional buying and short covering quotation rose to Rs. 126/12/-. Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 126/14/- and next settlement was quoted at Rs. 125/12/-.

The market was very steady and closing quotations were as under:—

SILVER.

Ready	126	3	0
Current Settlement	126	3	0
Next Settlement	124	3	0

GOLD.

Ready	73	7	0
Settlement	73	3	0
Sovereigns	50	0	0

BHUJ, Feb. 20.—Today Hundi Koris 353; Silver Rs. 107; Gold Rs. 70/4.

Bombay Produce

In the absence of any decision of Nizam permits, there was no business in groundnuts in the local market. Castorseeds ready were done at Rs. 15/9 and February March delivery and Goa trading was reported at Rs. 15/8. Linseed was steady with N. S. Railway quoted at Rs. 15-6-6. G.I.P. Stations linseed stood at Rs. 15-7-6 and C.P. and U. P. was quoted at Rs. 15-8-6.

Bombay Cotton

The virtual inaction of the local cotton market is mainly due to monopoly of a group of operators who believe that the market exists only for them and nobody can question their authority. With extensive financial resources and the tender time being near, the market remains dull and depressed. All eyes are focussed on settlement of teji-mandi operations at noon tomorrow and it remains to be seen what attitude, professional operators adopt. It is feared that this year the standard type being of inferior nature, there is less disposition to accept tenders and of this turns out to be true, there will be no long liquidation of March holdings. The market opened at Rs. 441 for March delivery and was stagnant.

The market was quiet and March after fluctuating between Rs. 440/8 and Rs. 441/4 steadied at Rs. 441. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	440	8	0
I.C.C. May	450	8	0
I.C.C. July	463	12	0

COTTON PARITY

Indian cotton March contract is 513 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES
BOMBAY, Feb. 19.

	High	Low	Close
I.C.C. March	441/12	440/8	440/12
I.C.C. May	454	453/4	452/8
I.C.C. July	466/8	465	465/8
Karachi March	46/4	45-13-6	45-13-6

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Scarcity Of Contract's On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The opening losses extended on dribbling liquidation and hedges due to indifferent trade demand and emphasis on reported opposition to the Bankhead plan and continued excellent war news and the ever-present possibilities of sudden peace moves. The market then steadied on increased price-fixing and drying up of offerings. Latterly prices reflected scarcity of contracts and firm spot news. The market closed steady.

March opened at 22.06 and declined to 22.05 which was the lowest. Thereafter there was increased buying and March advanced to 22-14 which was the highest. The session closed at a net gain of 4 to 11 points. Spot cotton price improved 4 points at 22.39 c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON

March	22.13+05
May	22.04+04
July	21.73+06
October	21.21+10
December	21.15+11
January	21.09+11
March highest (2-53 p.m.)	22.14+06
March lowest (10-15 a.m.)	22.05—03
Middling Spot	22.39+04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	22.06+09
May	22.05+08
July	21.76+10
Middling Spot	21-55+05

NEW YORK COTTON
NOON CALL

March	22.05
May	21.97
July	21.64

LONDON EXCHANGES

T. T. London on: New York, Sellers, 4.02-1/2; Buyers, 4.03-1/2; Madrid, Official 44.00; Montreal, Sellers 4.43, Buyers, 4.47; Zurich, Sellers, 17.3, Buyers, 17.4; Stockholm, Sellers 16.85, Buyers, 16.95.

LONDON WHEAT

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (New Crop) 41/- March quoted. Wheat Australian (Bulk) —, Wheat Australian (Bags) —.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Rupee Paper 3½ per cent £72-1/2, Consols 2½ per cent £82-13/16, Conversion Loan 3½ per cent 1961 £106-7/8, War Loan 3½ per cent £104-7/8, Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £114-7/8, Victory Bonds. 4 per cent £113-3/16, Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £10-7/8, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.), £89-1/2, National Bank of India £43-1/4.

MONEY MARKET.

Bombay, Feb. 20.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p.c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p.c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p.c, 12 months 1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Easy.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS.

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 20th February. Total amount offered was Rs. 12,95,25,000—(Rupees twelve crores ninety-five lakhs twenty-five thousand only). Tenders at Rs. 99-14-6 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-14-8 allotted approximately 12 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. Two Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 0-6-3 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Wednesday, the 28th February, in Bombay upto 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and upto the close of business on Tuesday, the 27th February, at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payments on Friday, the 2nd March. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 16th February, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 2,76,00,000—(Rupees two crores seventy-six lakhs only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.
BOMBAY, Feb. 20.

Tata Ordinary 403, Tata Deferred 2,162/8, Indian Iron 39/10, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 33, Bombay Dyeing 1,810, Central India 390, Century 915, Gokak 302/7, Kohinoor 610, Simplex 270, Andhra Valley 1,790, Tata Hydro 203/12, Tata Power 1,780, Associated Cement 237/8, Belapur 225, Bombay Burma (Old) 550.

MADRAS STOCK EXCHANGE.
MADRAS, Feb. 20.

Following are to-day's quotations on the Madras Stock Exchanges:—

SHARES AND BREWERIES: Deccan 39, Do. 92/4, India Sugar 33/10, South India 16/8, Travancore 14/8.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 17/4, Chembra Peaks 9/14, Devashola 11/14, High Produce 32/14, Kalpetias 35/12, Kalasa 14/14, Ouchterlony 10/12/6, Pullangode 3/0/6, Tirumbudi 4/11, Vakundam 2, Vellamlai 29/12, Vallitam 30.

TEXTILES: Bangalore Wol 470, B. and Co. Ordy. 310, Cambodia 30/12, Dhanlaxmi 385, Janadhana 125, Kaleeswarar 730, Mettur 255, Vasantha 303.

MISCELLANEOUS: And Cement 117, Hind Trust 25, Indian Steel Roll 9/3, Mysore Chem. and Fert 25/12, Mettur Chem. 16/8, Do. Defd. 6/6, Singareni 21/10, Spencer 14.

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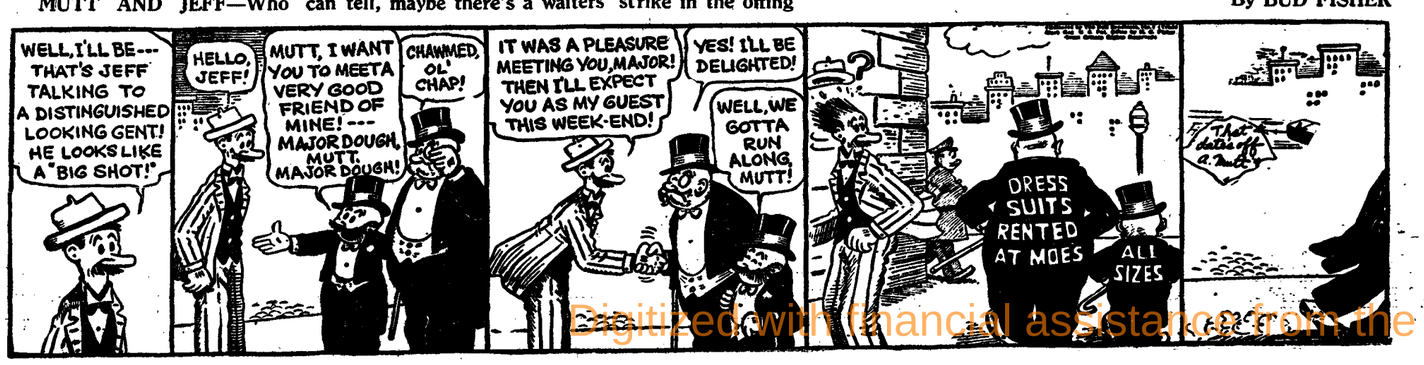
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Wanted Agencies by Leading Firm. Manufacturers and Importers desiring to appoint Sole Distributors for any products for the Nizam's Dominions may communicate immediately with full particulars and terms to Box No. 7330, "Bombay Chronicle."

PLOTS FOR SALE

Plots for sale at Hill Station, Lonavla and Khandala for erecting Bungalows, Hotels, Electric water pipes, Telephone Wadekar, Wadekar's Bungalow, Lonavla Dt., Poona. 7329

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Prabhat Rubber Works wants Tin Caps printed with name for their Fountain Pen Ink Bottles. Those who are interested in manufacturing them should apply to them at 195 Kalbadevi Road Bombay 2. 7355

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

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Dated this 14th day of February, 1945.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
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Lentin Chambers
Dalal Street,
Fort, Bombay

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

SHAREHOLDERS ARE HEREBY INFORMED that Mr. Mohanlal Sharma has given notice that he will move in the first Ordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held on the 28th February, 1945, that Mr. Bhagwandas Bhargava, M.A., B.Com., Registered Accountant, Jaipur, be appointed Auditor of the Company either in place of the existing Auditors or in addition to them on a remuneration similar to that of the existing Auditors.

for The Jaipur Metal Industries Ltd.,
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P. R. KAMANI.
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Jaipur, 17th February, 1945.

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DEWAN MAYURBHANJ STATE,

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THE MYSORE SPINNING & MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of THE MYSORE SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 70 Forbes Street, Bombay, on Wednesday, the 21st day of February, 1945, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon when resolutions for an increase of the authorised capital, for attaching special rights, privileges and conditions to certain Preference Shares and for certain reserve funds to be capitalised and distributed in the form of Preference Shares amongst the shareholders as on 28th February, 1945, as set out in Notices being posted to shareholders, will be proposed.

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Managing Director,
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5th January, 1945.

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TENDER NOTICE.

PUBLIC TENDERS are hereby invited for the sale of the Poona A.R.P. three Ambulance buses (1) BYF-3777—1933 Chevrolet, (2) BYF-3773—1932 Chevrolet, and (3) BYF-3749—1933 Chevrolet, in their present condition, with their tubes and tyres and old batteries. Sealed tenders marked "Tenders for Ambulances" accompanying with Government Treasury Chalan amounting to Rs. 600/- (for the 3 buses) must reach the undersigned on or before the 27th February, 1945. No tenders without chalans would be considered. The buses can be seen near Swar Gate, Shankar Shet Road, at Municipal High Level Tanks, Poona, on any day. Delivery will be given at the High Level Tanks, Poona.

P. G. DESHMUKH,
For District Magistrate, Poona.
(A.R.P.)

Poona, 16-2-45.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS INVITED from British subjects for temporary posts of Gujarati Assistant Journalist and Gujerati typist in Bureau of Public Information, Government of India. Vacancies likely to last for duration war.

ASSISTANT JOURNALIST. Age 21-35. Salary Rs. 150-5-200. Good academic record and journalistic experience essential. Preference will be given to those who have at least twelve consecutive months experience in Daily Gujerati newspaper office. Proficiency in translation from English to Gujerati and vice versa essential. Candidates should submit cuttings of published articles signed wherever possible together with references and copies of testimonials. Applications to be submitted in English.

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A number of candidates will be invited to appear before a Selection Committee in Bombay for test and interview at their own expense. Applications should reach Assistant Principal Information Officer, Bureau of Public Information, Government of India, New Delhi, not later than March 5, 1945.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 26th February, 1945 (ID-E-MILAD) and TUESDAY, the 27th February 1945 (HOLI) those days being Public Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

N. G. IRVINE,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Bombay, 15th February, 1945.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS for the following posts are invited before the 28th of February, 1945:—

(1)
SALESMEN,
CASHIERS,
GODOWN-KEEPERS,
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under the Controller of Government Grain Shops on salaries ranging from Rs. 60/- to Rs. 90/-, according to qualifications and experience together with the usual dearness allowance, and (2) for Clerks, Inspectors, Typists, Stenographers and Junior Assistants for the various Offices under the Finance Department (Supply). The minimum qualifications are—

CLERKS—Failed Matric. Grade Rs. 50/- to 95/- PLUS dearness allowance.

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Applications for each of the above categories of appointment should be forwarded so as to reach the Establishment Officer not later than the 28th of this month.

R. R. RANA,
Establishment Officer,
Finance Department (Supply),
Secretariat, Fort, Bombay.

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THE ALUMINIUM CORPORATION OF INDIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Registered Office of the Corporation at No. 9, Clive Street, Calcutta, on FRIDAY, the 9th March, 1945 at 4 P.M. for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive and pass the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1944.

(2) (a) To elect Directors in place of Messrs. Kailashpat Singhania, Kanailal Jatia and Chakreshwar Kumar Jain, the Directors retiring by rotation.

(b) To confirm the election of Col. Dewan Bahadur G. N. Naidu, O.B.E., a Director, appointed by the Board of Directors.

(3) To elect the Auditors and fix their remuneration.

(4) To transact any other business that may be brought forward.

The SHARE TRANSFER REGISTERS of the Corporation will be closed from 2nd to 9th March, 1945 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board,
for J. K. Limited,
LAKSHMIPAT,
Director,
Managing Agents.

Calcutta,
The 9th February, 1945.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai SARASWATIBAI MORESHWAR MANTRI, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 35, Dalal Street, Examiner Press Building, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of leasehold tenure with the messuages tenements or buildings standing thereon known as Blue Castle being Plot No. 213 of the Scheme of the Bombay Municipality, known as Shivaji Park Scheme Mahim, situate at Cadell Road in the Town and Island of Bombay, admeasuring 661 Sq. Yards or thereabouts and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1972 of Mahim Division and Municipal G Ward No. 4838 (3) (3A) and Street Nos. 28-28A and 167AA and bounded, on the East by Plot No. 212 of the said Scheme, on the West by Plot No. 214 of the said Scheme, on the South by 60 feet Public Road and on the North by property bearing New Survey No. 1508.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1945.

HARIDAS & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS FROM Matriculate candidates of the Muslim and Scheduled Classes are invited for temporary posts of 2nd grade clerks on the initial pay of Rs. 51/- in the scale of Rs. 45-45-3-90 with Compensatory allowance of Rs. 5/- per month and Dearness Allowance as sanctioned by Government from time to time.

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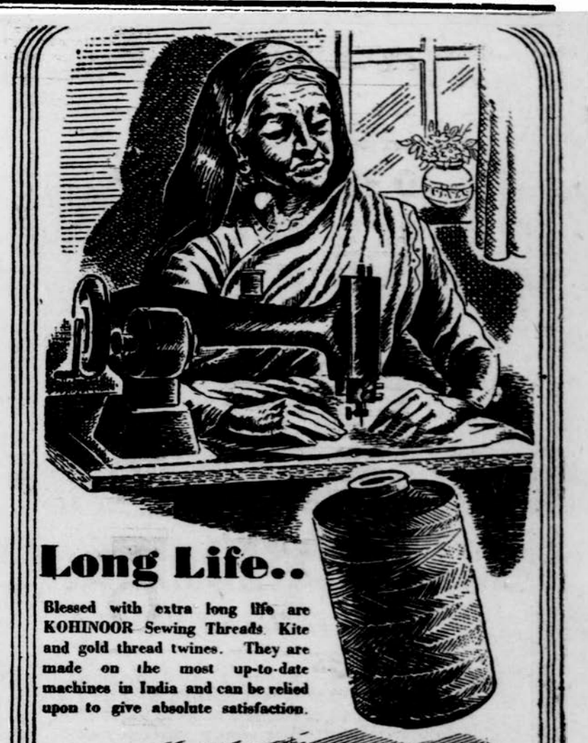

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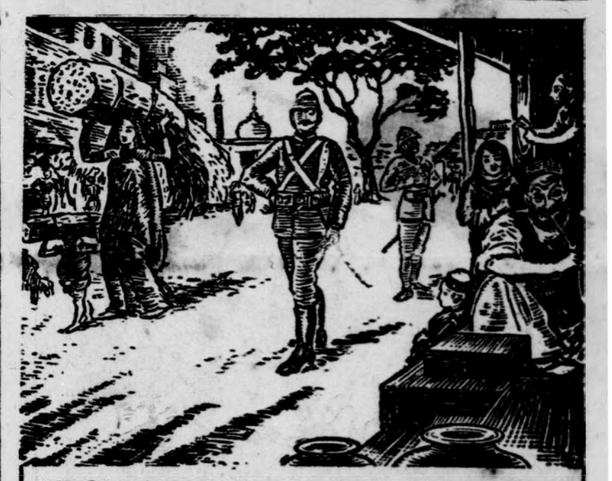

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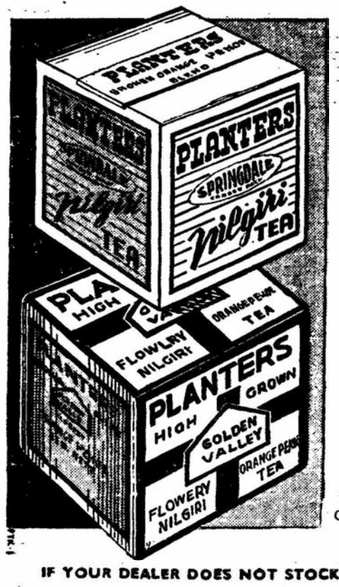

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